

CITY OF VANCOUVER  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, December 18, 1973, in the Council Chamber at approximately 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor, Alderman Rankin  
Aldermen Bowers, Gibson, Harcourt, Hardwick,  
Linnell, Marzari, Massey, Pendakur  
and Volrich

ABSENT: Mayor Phillips

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: D. H. Little

PRAYER

The proceedings in the Council Chamber were opened with prayer, offered by the Civic Chaplain, Rev. J. Gordon Gardiner of St. James Anglican Church.

'IN CAMERA' MEETING

The City Clerk advised the 'In Camera' Committee was in agreement with the items proposed for 'In Camera' consideration with the exception of one item, which item to be determined at the 'In Camera' meeting later this day.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,  
SECONDED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting, with the exception of the 'In Camera' portion, dated December 11, 1973, be adopted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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At this point in the proceedings the Council recessed for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing on a rezoning application, following which the Council reconvened at 2:40 p.m., with the same members present.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,  
SECONDED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Rankin in the Chair.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was agreed to defer the following matters of Unfinished Business pending the hearing of delegations later in the day:

- (a) Request from Mt. Pleasant Information  
Centre for Children's Play Area
- (b) 1167 West 8th Avenue:  
Development Permit Application #63065

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS

1. Request for Grant towards the Promotion  
of Horseshoe Pitching in the Greater Vancouver Area

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT, pursuant to request received from the Vancouver Horseshoe Club, permission be granted to hear a delegation, and arrangements be left in the hands of the City Clerk.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS (cont'd)

2. Request to Increase the Library Board by Two Members

The Council noted a letter under date of December 11, 1973, from the Director of the Vancouver Public Library Board advising of a resolution of the Library Board that Council be asked to increase the Library Board by two members to a total of eleven.

It was noted that eleven is the maximum allowable by the Public Libraries Act.

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,  
THAT the request of the Library Board to increase its membership by two be approved in principle, and the City Clerk report back as soon as possible.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Marine Drive Foreshore Park: Spanish Banks Erosion Control Project

Under date of December 11, 1973, the Park Board submitted a letter concerning the Spanish Banks Erosion Control Project enclosing letter from the Provincial Government agreeing that \$350,000 is available if the Project should proceed and subject to three conditions as follows:

- (1) The funds are being provided to the Park Board at their request on a one-shot basis. Any future maintenance required is a Park Board and/or University responsibility.
- (2) The conditions set forth in the letters of August 17 to the Park Board and to the University are to be acted upon and followed through to completion by both the Park Board and the University.
- (3) That it be made clear that the Government is not in favour of the proposed location of the Museum of Man, as was made clear to the University by letter of January 29, 1973, and that in fact the Government would prefer that the entire area seaward of Marine Drive should eventually revert to wilderness as part of a shoreline natural preserve.

The Park Board is requesting the Council award a contract on behalf of the Board to Construction Cartage Company in the amount of \$320,000, on the understanding that the Provincial Government will provide the Park Board with the funds.

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur,  
THAT the Council award a contract on behalf of the Park Board to Construction Cartage Company with respect to the Spanish Banks Erosion Protection work, in accordance with the Park Board letter of December 11, 1973, subject to the Provincial Government advancing required funds.

- CARRIED

(Alderman Marzari voted against the motion)

Guard Rails: N.W Marine Drive, west of Spanish Banks

Alderman Gibson commented on the matter of unilateral removal of the cement guard rails on the north side of N/W Marine Drive, immediately west of Spanish Banks by the Department of Highways, and expressed concern particularly because of the large investment which the City and Park Board had made in the foreshore park in that area.

The Deputy Mayor directed this matter be referred to the Park Board.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS (cont'd)

4. Kates Peat Marwick: Suggested Additional  
Management Consulting Services - Park Board

The Council noted a letter from the Park Board dated December 4, 1973, on a request for Kates Peat Marwick and Company to be retained for the sum of \$65,500, such funds to come from the City's General Revenue, to perform consulting services as follows:

Project Management of Recreation Study	\$14,500
Responsibility Matrix	9,500
Standards of Performance	3,000
1975 Budget Preparation	22,000
Accounting Systems	16,500

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the Park Board be informed that it may include in the 1974 Budget sums for these consultants services;

FURTHER THAT, in the meantime, an amount of \$7,000 be authorized in advance of the 1974 budget for the purposes outlined in the Park Board letter.

(referred)

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT this whole matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration.

- CARRIED

(Aldermen Bowers and Massey voted against the motion)

5. Proposed Templeton Park Swimming Pool

The Council noted a letter from the Park Board dated December 5, 1973, concerning the proposed Templeton Park swimming pool, advising that the \$720,000 allocated is not adequate for construction of a 37-metre pool. The Architect had advised the Park Board it would cost approximately \$900,000 for a 37-metre pool. The Park Board wished to meet with the Council, or the Finance Committee, to discuss ways and means of financing additional costs.

Alderman Bowers advised the Council that the Park Board had subsequently decided not to proceed with this course of action and, therefore, wished the matter withdrawn.

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the letter from the Park Board be received and no further action taken.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Deputy Mayors: 1974

The Mayor submitted the following memorandum under date of December 13, 1973:

"After checking with members of Council, I would like to recommend the following schedule for Deputy Mayors in the year 1974 -

January	Alderman Marzari
February	" Gibson
March	" Volrich
April	" Pendakur
May	" Hardwick
June	" Harcourt
July	" Bowers
August	" Linnell
September	" Massey
October	" Volrich
November	" Harcourt
December	" Rankin

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COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS (cont'd)

Deputy Mayors: 1974 (cont'd)

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur,  
THAT the recommendation of the Mayor contained in the fore-  
going memorandum be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Grant Request:  
Unemployed Citizens Welfare  
Improvement Council

The Council noted a letter from the Unemployed Citizens Welfare  
Improvement Council requesting a grant of \$4,000 for the organiz-  
ation's Christmas fund. It was stated that \$4,000 had already  
been granted by the Christmas Bureau to the organization.

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, representing the Unemployed Citizens  
Welfare Improvement Council spoke of the need for this grant.

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred pending  
information on Council's action last year when dealing with a  
similar request. (see page 9)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS

A. BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION  
General Report, December 14, 1973

Works and Utility Matters (Dec. 14)

Granville Street Bridge

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,  
THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration con-  
tained in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Social Service and Health Matters (Dec. 14)

Basic Job Readiness Training Program:  
Pilot Project - Health Department

MOVED by Ald. Pendakur,  
THAT the recommendations of the Board of Administration contained  
in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Building and Planning Matters (Dec. 14)

Freight Elevator:  
Coroner's Court, 240 E. Cordova Street

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,  
THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration con-  
tained in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Fire and Traffic Matters (Dec. 14)

Brief from 401 Committee of the  
Hastings Sunrise Action Council

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,  
THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration con-  
tained in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

General Report, Dec. 14, 1973 (cont'd)

Finance Matters (Dec. 14)

The Council considered this report which contains twelve clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Strathcona Rehabilitation Project:  
Financial Situation
- Cl. 2: Staffing Needs: Community Care Facilities  
Licensing Office
- Cl. 3: Request for Increased Appropriation  
New and Non Recurring Equipment
- Cl. 4: Completion of Microfilm Program of Building  
Permit Plans for the Department of Permits  
and Licenses
- Cl. 5: Welfare and Rehabilitation Department:  
Temporary Staff for New Provincial Mincome  
Program, Age 60 - 64 years
- Cl. 6: Extension of Temporary Buyer Position  
through 1974
- Cl. 7: Investment Matters (Various Funds) October, 1973
- Cl. 8: Cash Shortages and Overages
- Cl. 9: Temporary Help: Internal Audit Division
- Cl. 10: "Skid Road" Housing - Fire and Lodging House  
By-law Enforcement
- Cl. 11: 1973 Travelling Youth Programme
- Cl. 12: Rentals and Other Charges  
The Vancouver Symphony Society

The Council took action as follows:

Clause 1: Strathcona Rehabilitation Project:  
Financial Situation

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration contained in this report be approved, and that the reference in the report to linear park development be referred back to the Board of Administration for further report, particularly in respect of the land involved and source of funds.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clauses 2 to 11

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT the recommendations of the Board of Administration contained in Clauses 2 to 11 of this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clause 12: Rentals and Other Charges  
The Vancouver Symphony Society

It was agreed to defer consideration of this clause pending the hearing of a delegation later this day. (see page 14)

Personnel Matters (Dec. 14)

The Council considered this report which contains two clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Strathcona Site Office Staff
- Cl. 2: Appointment to Royal Commission on  
Family & Children's Law

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the recommendations of the Board of Administration contained in these two clauses of the report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION  
General Report, Dec. 14, 1973 (cont'd)

Property Matters (Dec. 14)

The Council considered this report which contains five clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Acquisition for Park Site #10 - Mount Pleasant
- Cl. 2: Senior Citizens' Housing Project: Kitsilano  
1987 West 7th Avenue
- Cl. 3: Acquisition for Arbutus-Burrard Connector:  
1854 West 5th Avenue
- Cl. 4: Acquisition for Knight Street Widening:  
25th Avenue to 33rd Avenue
- Cl. 5: Acquisition for Britannia Community Services  
Centre Site: 1641 William Street

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the recommendations of the Board of Administration contained in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B.  
DEPARTMENTAL REPORT  
December 14, 1973

Works and Utility Matters (Dec. 14)

The Council considered this report which contains two clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Local Improvement Project:  
Stanley Park Neighbourhood, West End
- Cl. 2: West End Street Widths

The Council took the following action:

Clause 1: Local Improvement Project:  
Stanley Park Neighbourhood, West End

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the recommendations of the officials contained in this report, identified as a. b. and d., be approved and recommendation c. be approved, after amendment as follows:

"That the Director of Social Planning, in consultation with the Superintendent of Parks and Public Recreation and the City Engineer, recommend to Council, Consultants to produce designs, (in conjunction with residents) working drawings and estimates for the development of the mini-parks and the sidewalk improvements, by January 25, 1974, at a fee not to exceed \$5,000; and,"

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(underlining indicates amendment)

Clause 2: West End Street Widths

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT, pursuant to request received, this clause be deferred pending the hearing of delegations and arrangements be made by the City Clerk.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT  
December 14, 1973 (cont'd)

Building and Planning Matters (Dec. 14)

Charles and Nanaimo Streets:  
Canada Safeway Limited - Parking Lot Extension

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the development permit be referred back to the Technical Planning Board for its final consideration for approval of the development and setting out the applicable conditions and;

FURTHER THAT the Technical Planning Board be informed that the Council is suggesting that the following be included as conditions:

- (a) subject to sufficient number of parking spaces being available for staff; and,
- (b) subject to speed bumps being installed in the parking lot, and chains being provided across the entrance way of the parking lot after store hours.

- CARRIED

(Alderman Hardwick voted against the motion)

C. Vancouver Centre: 650 West Georgia Street  
Development Permit Application No. 58435

The Director of Planning and City Engineer reported as follows under date of December 14, 1973:

"Foundation Western Limited as Project Engineers for the proposed Vancouver Centre Development- being the redevelopment of the Birks Building and Strand Theatre site on the south side of West Georgia between Seymour and Granville Streets - are negotiating with the City regarding the timing and engineering procedures for constructing the understreet portions of the development.

The understreet development would connect the proposed Vancouver Centre development on the south east corner of Georgia and Granville Streets with the Pacific Centre on the west side of Granville and also provide for a connector from the Vancouver Centre development on the south side of West Georgia Street to the Hudson's Bay Company Retail store on the north side of West Georgia Street.

City Council on March 6, 1973 on recommendation from the Technical Planning Board resolved that Development Permit Application No. 58435 be Approved to permit the Vancouver Centre development subject to prior compliance with certain conditions, one of which being that before the Development Permit is issued that the applicant first obtain the approval of City Council for:

"The approval as to precise timing of construction, and on-street traffic arrangements for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction."

In close consultation with affected City departments the developers propose to schedule the understreet construction as follows:

a. Underground link across Granville Street to Pacific Centre

This work will be carried out concurrent with the Granville Street mall works and will be completed by June 30, 1974.

These works will also include closing the southerly curb traffic lane for a short distance on West Georgia Street in the vicinity of the Georgia-Granville Street intersection. However, four lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times for east-west traffic on West Georgia.

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Vancouver Centre:  
650 West Georgia Street (cont'd)

With respect to all the foregoing, the precise construction and operational details will be to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. In consultation with the Corporation Counsel the developers are also providing a \$200,000 completion guarantee

To complete the understreet development for the connection to the Pacific Centre a further portion of West Georgia Street has to be opened for understreet excavation. This cannot be done at the same time as the remainder of the works unless the four east-west traffic lanes on West Georgia can be maintained. One traffic lane to the south will be required at the Georgia-Granville Street intersection as stated.

From the five remaining lanes; the northerly curb lane is already occupied by Pacific Centre Development.

Pacific Centre Development are endeavouring to reschedule their own construction program to free this northerly traffic lane in part. If this occurs then the Vancouver Centre developers can complete all required works at the Georgia-Granville Street intersection concurrently and still maintain the minimum required four lanes of traffic open.

Should this not be possible then the remaining portion of the understreet development at the Georgia-Granville intersection will have to be completed at a later date. In which case the developers would give 6 months notice to the City of the date construction is requested and all detailed arrangements would be made to the requirements and satisfaction of the City Engineer.

b. Underground link across West Georgia To the Hudson Bay Company Retail store

This underground link would not be completed until some unspecified future time, in which case the developers would give a minimum 6 months notice to the City of the date construction is requested and all detailed arrangements would be made to the requirements and satisfaction of the City Engineer.

The actual agreements and/or under surface leases between the City and Vancouver Centre Development Limited are in active preparation and will be reported to Council as soon as practicable in 1974.

It is RECOMMENDED that the outlined arrangements as proposed for the understreet connections under West Georgia Street and Granville Street be APPROVED. ■

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the foregoing recommendation of the Director of Planning and City Engineer be approved.

- CARRIED

(Alderman Hardwick voted against the motion)

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At this point in the proceedings the Deputy Mayor recognized the presence in the Council Chamber of the Honourable Lorne Nicolson, Minister of Housing.

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

D. Report of Standing Committee on  
Housing, dated December 4, 1973

The Council considered this report which contains two clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Future use of 52 Acres of Remaining  
Jericho Land
- Cl. 2: Downtown Eastside

MOVED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT the recommendation of the Committee contained in Clause 1 of this report be approved, and Clause 2 be received for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Council recessed at approximately 3:45 p.m., and following an 'In Camera' meeting in the Mayor's Office, reconvened in open session at approximately 5:10 p.m., with the same members present.

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COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS (cont'd)

Request for Grant: Christmas Fund  
Unemployed Citizens Welfare  
Improvement Council

The Council further considered a request for a grant from the Unemployed Citizens Welfare Improvement Council, having been given information by the City Clerk on Council's action on a similar request on December 19, 1972, and also comments by Mr. W. Boyd and the United Community Services Christmas Bureau.

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT if there is a deficit position experienced by the 1973 Christmas Bureau, such be underwritten by Council up to a maximum of \$1,000, on the understanding the Bureau will assist cases found to be in need and submitted to the Bureau by the Unemployed Citizens Welfare Improvement Council.

(amended)

MOVED by Ald. Bowers, in amendment,

THAT the figure in the motion of Alderman Hardwick be changed to read \$2,000.

- CARRIED

MOVED by Ald. Marzari, in amendment to the amendment,

THAT the figure in the motion of Alderman Hardwick be changed to read \$4,000.

- LOST

(Aldermen Bowers, Gibson, Hardwick, Linnell, Massey,  
Pendakur and Volrich voted against the motion)

The motion, as amended, and reading as follows, was put and CARRIED:

"THAT if there is a deficit position experienced by the 1973 Christmas Bureau, such be underwritten by Council up to a maximum of \$2,000, on the understanding the Bureau will assist cases found to be in need and submitted to the Bureau by the Unemployed Citizens Welfare Improvement Council"

(Alderman Hardwick voted against the motion  
as amended)

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

E. Report of Standing Committee on Finance  
and Administration, dated December 6, 1973

The Council considered this report on the matter of 1974 Preliminary Operating Budget and took the following action:

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the recommendations of the Committee contained in this report be approved, after changing recommendations (b) and (d) to read as follows:

"(b) THAT the Council forward a letter to Premier Barrett requesting more specific information as to the total tax benefit the City will receive from the new legislation abolishing tax concession, and the possibility of the City receiving:

- A Business Tax from Crown Corporations
- Added Provincial funds from increased per capita grant
- Added Provincial contribution for Welfare, the Director of Finance to report back to this Committee
- Relief from ambulance costs so that these charges will be applied against the B.C. Medical Plan.

(d) THAT the question of increasing fees and fines for various services and inspection be discussed at City Council level, after receiving a report from the Board of Administration on the amount of money involved in raising inspection fees from 80% of costs to 100% of costs."

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(underlining indicates changes)

F. Report of Special Committee re False Creek  
dated December 17, 1973

The Special Committee of Council re False Creek submitted the following report under date of December 17, 1973:

" 1. False Creek Sea Wall Walkway  
Purchase of Specimen Trees

Under date of December 14, 1973, the Director of Planning submitted a report which asked that the False Creek capital budget be adjusted to provide \$21,000 for the purchase of specimen deciduous trees for placement along the Sea Wall Walkway when completed next spring.

The report advised that stock in several nurseries has been examined and that it would be advantageous to purchase these trees in the nursery and have them available for planting next spring. The trees are of 4" to 6" caliper and the funds requested to be transferred will not be required.

Your Committee

RECOMMEND that the allocation for consultant studies, in the False Creek Capital Budget, be reduced by \$21,000, and, that this amount be allocated to a new fund for the provision of trees for the completion of this year's sea wall contract.

2. Per Diem Consultant Fund - Increase

The False Creek Capital Budget allocates a sum of \$25,000 "to retain consultants on a per diem basis ... for instance where solutions to specific problems may be provided by experts in a very short time".

On May 15, 1973 the Committee authorized a per diem consultant fund of \$7,000 to be administered by the Director of Planning and Civic Development. On August 2nd, 1973 this amount was increased to \$10,000.

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

Report of Special Committee  
re False Creek (cont'd)

The total amount has been expended or committed for various planning studies and tasks related to False Creek. This fund has proved extremely valuable to the Department by virtue of its flexibility to meet particular needs on an immediate basis. In order to continue the established procedure of using per diem consultants additional funds are required in the amount of \$5,000. At the present time a need is foreseen in areas of further statistical analysis, development control criteria formulation, graphic arts, and structural engineering design. There are also undoubtedly unforeseen items.

Your Committee RECOMMEND that the authorized amount for per diem consultants be increased by \$5,000 from the presently authorized \$10,000 to \$15,000.

3. Procedural Plans for the Development of City Owned Lands  
in Area 6 False Creek

The Development Consultant submitted to your Committee under date of December 10, 1973 "Procedural Plans for the Development of City Owned Lands in Area 6 False Creek" and your Committee discussed this report in detail at its last meeting, Friday, December 14, 1973.

At that time, as a result of the discussion, amendments were made to the document and the amended document is attached to this report.

Your Committee

RECOMMENDS the adoption of the recommendations of the Development Consultant contained in his report dated December 10, 1973, as amended by your Special Committee on December 14, 1973. And

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that an amount of \$13,000 be transferred from the False Creek Capital Budget Project Consultant studies to a special account to take care of the rail, market research, noise and circulation studies: The Development Consultant to have discretionary authority in connection with this account subject to normal city budget procedures. And

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the Board of Administration report to Council on matters relating to the Project and Design Teams staff, Planning and Engineering Department coordination and related personnel matters. And

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the City Engineer be instructed to transfer the winter work projects assigned to the Sea Wall and related structures in Sub Area 10 to Sub Area 6 for further work on the Sea Wall amenities in this area, and that the City Engineer be instructed to defer such amenity work pending the receipt of the economic examination of Sub Area 10. And

FURTHER RECOMMENDS that the Director of Finance and the Development Consultant report as soon as possible on a economic examination of Sub Area 10. "

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the recommendations of the Special Committee contained in the foregoing report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

G. Report of Standing Committee on Social Services dated December 6, 1973

The Council considered this report which contains four clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Day Care Services in the City of Vancouver
- Cl. 2: Senior Citizens Homes Rates
- Cl. 3: Family Division, Provincial Courts
- Cl. 4: Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Programme

The Council took action as follows:

Clause 1: Day Care Services in the City of Vancouver

Alderman Marzari advised that City-owned lots in the Mount Pleasant area referred to in the report have subsequently been found to be unsuitable and suggested the Council take no action on Lot 1, Blk. 84 amended, D.L. 264A, which is the closed portion of St. Catharines Street, adjacent to China Creek Park, as referred to in the recommendation of the Committee.

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,  
THAT the recommendations of the Committee with respect to lots in the Mount Pleasant area be received, and the recommendations in respect of lots in the Marpole and Strathcona areas be approved, and,

FURTHER THAT the Supervisor of Property and Insurance report back to the Committee on the properties in the Marpole and Strathcona areas, the report to include costs of servicing the properties, terms and other related matters.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clauses 2 and 3

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,  
THAT these two clauses in the report be received.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Clause 4: Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Programme

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,  
THAT the recommendation of the Committee contained in this clause be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
AND BY THE REQUIRED  
MAJORITY

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The Council recessed at approximately 6:00 p.m., to reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

The Council reconvened in the Council Chamber at approximately 7:30 p.m., still in Committee of the Whole, Deputy Mayor Rankin in the Chair and the following members present:

- PRESENT: Deputy Mayor, Alderman Rankin  
Aldermen Bowers, Gibson, Harcourt, Hardwick,  
Linnell, Marzari, Massey and  
Volrich
- ABSENT: Alderman Pendakur  
Mayor Phillips

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 1. Children's Play Area:

Mount Pleasant Information Centre

The Council further considered Department report (Property matters), dated December 7, 1973, concerning a request of the Mount Pleasant Information Centre for a children's play area on City-owned land being Lots 8, 9, 10, Block 93, D.L. 264A.

The Council received a delegation from the Mount Pleasant Information Centre, represented by Mr. Snyders. A brief was filed, now requesting the use of 99 feet on the west side of the City-owned block between Fraser and Carolina Streets on the north side of 5th Avenue, i.e. Carolina Street end (66 feet) and Lot #1, Block 93, D.L. 264A. The organization also requested that it lease the house located on the property for a period of three years, with an option for renewal, a grant of \$4,000 for the first year for material for the playground and painting and equipping the house, and \$500 per year towards maintenance for the following two years.

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT there be no further action on the request re this particular property which is being assembled for housing, and the Supervisor of Property and Insurance report back as soon as possible on progress in respect of this site for a City-sponsored housing project.

- CARRIED

(Aldermen Marzari and Massey voted against the motion)

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the Director of Planning and the Supervisor of Property and Insurance report back on the suitability of the Carolina Street end and other suitable properties for the type of neighbourhood park as requested by the organization.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. Development Permit Application

1167 West 8th Avenue

The Council again considered a report of the Director of Planning dated November 30, 1973, concerning a development permit application at 1167 West 8th Avenue, wherein it is stated the Technical Planning Board and the Urban Design Panel did not approve of the application.

The Council also noted a letter from the Vancouver City Planning Commission, dated November 30, 1973, which stated the Commission recommended the development permit application be approved, with some reservations.

Mr. Iredale, the Architect, spoke in support of the scheme and filed a letter from Mr. W.E. Dolphin of 1151 West 8th Avenue, who indicated that the plans for the development were satisfactory to him. Mr. Hawthorn, Chairman of the Design Panel, addressed the Council and gave the Panel's views on the development.

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT this application be not approved.

- CARRIED

(Alderman Bowers and Gibson voted against the motion)

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Development of Fairview Slopes

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT the Director of Planning report to the Standing Committee on Community Development on a program for proceeding with the planning of the Fairview Slopes.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Finance Matters, Dec. 14 (cont'd)

Clause 12: Rentals and Other Charges  
The Vancouver Symphony Society

The Council considered this clause with respect to outstanding charges for the Queen Elizabeth Theatre to the Vancouver Symphony Society.

Mr. Turnill, First Vice President of the Vancouver Symphony Society and Mr. Michael Allerton, General Manager, appeared before the Council and filed a brief, including a fact sheet on the Society's financial position.

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT an additional amount of \$15,000 be granted to the Vancouver Symphony Society to be applied against Queen Elizabeth Theatre rental owing to December 31, 1973.

- LOST

(not having received  
the required majority)

(Aldermen Hardwick, Marzari and  
Rankin voted against the motion)

H. Report of Standing Committee on  
Community Development, December 6, 1973

The Council considered this report which contains four clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Champlain Heights - Areas E & F
- Cl. 2: New Liquor Outlets
- Cl. 3: Fraserview Homeowners & Tenants Association
- Cl. 4: Strathcona Sites C & D

The Council took action as follows:

Clause 1: Champlain Heights - Areas E & F

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the recommendations of the Committee contained in this clause of the report be approved, after changing the recommendation on page 2 referring to the services of Downs-Archambault to read as follows:

"THAT the Director of Planning be authorized to utilize the services of Downs-Archambault at a total sum of \$30,290.00. to produce a usable development plan for Areas E & F, Champlain Heights, said plan to be completed by July 31, 1974, and that this Committee will not consider the expenditure of any additional funds which may be incurred beyond the period of the studies and submissions of the final documentation".

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Report of Standing Committee on  
Community Development (cont'd)

Balance of Report

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the recommendation of the Committee contained in Clause 2 of the report be approved, and Clauses 3 and 4 be received for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Report of Standing Committee  
on Social Services, December 6, 1973

Youth Problems, Killarney-Orchard Park Area

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT the information contained in this report be received.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During consideration of the foregoing topic, the Chairman made reference to an informal meeting that had been held recently by people concerned and the points raised at that meeting.

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT a joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration, the Standing Committee on Social Services and the Park Board be arranged to consider the question of integration of management of community facilities, additional staffing, having the facilities open seven days a week, and other related matters.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Report of Special Committee re the  
Control of Soliciting for Charity  
dated December 12, 1973

The Special Committee submitted the following report under date of December 12, 1973:

" The License Office has issued to date fifty-three licenses to solicit for charity. Two applicants were refused licenses by the Committee and one of these appealed to City Council where the appeal was denied.

Since the adoption of the Soliciting For Charity amendment to the License By-law in August 1972, complaints to our office in this regard have practically ceased.

I have checked with the Better Business Bureau and they report no complaints in this field in 1973.

I would also like to point out that the Vancouver Board of Trade will not list any organization in its Major Financial Appeals Review unless it has obtained a license from our office. This has been most helpful in the enforcement of this by-law "

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the foregoing report of the Special Committee for the Control of Soliciting for Charity, be received for information.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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K. Langara Golf Links

The Board of Administration, under date of December 14, 1973, submitted the following report:

" The Superintendent of Parks & Public Recreation and the Supervisor of Property and Insurance report as follows:-

"Subsequent to the City's 1967 acquisition of the North 95 acres of Langara Golf Course, the City and the C.P.R. have jointly operated the Golf Course by leasing their respective ownerships to Langara Golf Links Society. This Society has been made up of an equal number of Directors from the City and the C. P. R. and has operated successfully since January 1st, 1968.

The City's acquisition, December 31st, 1973, of the remainder of the course, known as Lot 'B', Block 1165, District Lot 526, being the South 66.12 acres will cause the termination of the lease, as of that date, followed by the wind up of the Society.

As Council has previously indicated a desire to continue the Golf Course operation, it is suggested that, pending Council decision on the future uses for the South 66.12 acres, that the links be operated by the Board of Parks & Public Recreation.

Under the terms of the existing operating agreement, upon termination, the City is to use its best endeavours to retain staff in the employment of the City.

Again under the terms of the existing operating agreement, the City and the C.P.R. as lessors, (upon termination of the agreement), share equally in the assets of the Society. In this connection, the Director of Finance suggests that Council give authority to provide sufficient funds from the 1973 Supplemental Capital Budget in order to compensate the C.P.R. for its share of the assets. The sum of \$50,000.00 is considered adequate to meet this requirement.

**RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) That the Board of Parks & Public Recreation be instructed to take the necessary preliminary steps to assume the operation of the Golf Course by January 1st, 1974.
- (2) That the Board of Parks & Public Recreation to offer to retain the existing staff of the Langara Golf Course.
- (3) That Council authorize the Director of Finance to provide the sum of \$50,000.00 from the 1973 Supplemental Capital Budget, to reimburse the C.P.R. for its interest in the operating assets of the Golf Course."

Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing recommendations of the Superintendent of Parks & Public Recreation and the Supervisor of Property & Insurance be adopted."

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration contained in the foregoing report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Report of Official Traffic Commission  
dated December 13, 1973

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT the recommendations of the Official Traffic Commission contained in this report on the subject of School Crosswalk - 58th Avenue and Argyle Street, be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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M. False Creek: D.T. Devlin Property

The Board of Administration submitted the following report under date of December 17, 1973:

**The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-**

"City Council, on May 1, 1973, 'In Camera', passed a resolution wherein the Corporation Counsel was authorized to expropriate the above property, (legally described as Lot J, District Lot 3610, and known as 1590-6 West 1st Avenue).

Negotiations have continued with the owner and his Solicitor in an effort to reach a mutually acceptable settlement.

The owner's Solicitor has now agreed to the following terms:-

- (1) The owner to accept \$450,000.00 for the property, including all claims other than:-
  - (a) \$2,000.00 legal fees
  - (b) The actual cost of moving equipment and furniture within a 20 mile radius
- (2) The owner to retain rent-free possession until June 30, 1974. He shall remove all the buildings from the land and leave it in a neat and tidy condition by the above date or suffer a penalty of \$50.00 per day commencing July 1, 1974.
- (3) Date of sale to be December 31st, 1973.

This settlement is considered to be realistic and is endorsed by the City Solicitor. "

Your Board RECOMMENDS:

That the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be authorized to acquire the above property on the foregoing basis, chargeable to Code #316/1903.

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration contained in the foregoing report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N.

Rental Review: South end of Main Street  
between Fraser River and Kent Avenue South

The Board of Administration submitted the following report under date of December 4, 1973:

**The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-**

"The South End of Main Street between Fraser River and Kent Avenue South is leased to Evans Products Company Ltd. for eleven years and eight months, from January 1, 1968, at a rental of \$900.00 per annum plus taxes.

The lease restricts the use of the land to vehicular and pedestrian access to the waterlot abutting the street-end and is subject to twelve months' notice of cancellation. Approximately 50% of the land is ditch. The lease also provides for rental reviews at five year periods, the current review is now concluded and the lessees, by letter dated November 23, 1973, concur with a rental increase to \$1,654.00 per annum plus all taxes as if levied, effective July 1, 1973.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance is of the opinion that the proposed rental represents market rental value for access to the water.

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Rental Review: South end of Main Street  
betw. Fraser River and Kent Avenue (cont'd)

It is RECOMMENDED that the rental for the above property be increased to \$1,654.00 per annum plus all taxes as if levied, for the period July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1978."

Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing Recommendation of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration contained in the foregoing report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. Report of Standing Committees on Civic and Community Development, dated December 13, 1973

The Council considered this report which contains two clauses identified as follows:

- Cl. 1: Neighbourhood Improvement Programme
- Cl. 2: Kitsilano Local Area Planning Report

The Council took action as follows:

Clause 1: Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the recommendations of the Committee contained in this clause be approved after changing part (ii) of the recommendation, shown on page 2, to read as follows:

"THAT the Chairman of the Community Development Committee together with the Director of Planning and Director of Social Planning endeavour to have the Gastown and Skid Road Areas declared special designated areas under the Terms of Reference of the National Housing Act".

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(underlining indicates change)

Clause 2: Kitsilano Local Area Planning Report

MOVED by Ald. Volrich,

THAT the recommendation of the Committee in this clause be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. Report of Standing Committee on Social Services, December 13, 1973

Grant Request: Helping Hand Council

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT recommendation A. of the Committee contained in this report be approved.

- LOST

(not having received the required majority)

(Aldermen Bowers, Hardwick and Linnell voted against the motion)

No further action was taken.

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Report of Standing Committee on Social Services, December 13, 1973 (cont'd)

MOVED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT recommendation B. of the Committee contained in this report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Q. Spring Street Project

The Board of Administration submitted the following report under date of December 17, 1973:

The Director of Social Planning reports:

"The final evaluation report of the Spring Street Project will not be available for Council consideration until mid-January, 1974. Tentative results indicate that project staff have had a significant impact on approximately 71% of the youths worked with to date.

The Provincial Department of Human Resources is interested in the programme but is unsure as to how the programme or project staff fit into the proposed scheme of integration of social services in the City of Vancouver at this time. However, the Minister has indicated he is prepared to continue 25% cost-sharing in the programme for the first three months of 1974 and to give an answer regarding his willingness to assume future funding of this project by January 30, 1974, pending receipt of the final evaluation research report and a programme review by January 15, 1974.

This is opportune for two reasons:

1. Should the programme be reviewed favourably by Provincial officials, the months of February and March will serve as a transition period wherein the Province can gradually assume full fiscal and operational responsibility for the programme.
2. Should the programme not be funded Provincially, it would provide civic officials sufficient time to:
  - (a) Seek alternate funding sources, or
  - (b) Provide staff sufficient time to terminate work with families and the children and seek employment elsewhere.

The Director of the Spring Street Project has resigned from the position, effective December 31, 1973. However, there is sufficient administrative support available to staff within the Social Planning Department to ensure continued smooth functioning of the project for the three month period.

Projected programme costs for the Spring Street Project for the period January 1 to March 31, 1974, are as follows:

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Spring Street Project (cont'd)

Salaries:

i)	Full-time (6) @ \$752.00/month 1973 rates	\$13,536.00	
ii)	Part-time (11) @ \$3.51/hour @ 50 hour/month	5,791.50	
iii)	Secretary (1) @ \$513.00/month	1,539.00	
		<u>\$20,866.50</u>	
iv)	Fringe benefits @ 8%	<u>1,669.35</u>	22,535.85

Expense Accounts:

i)	Full-time (6) @ 4 cases/worker @ \$20/case/month	1,440.00	
ii)	Part-time (11) @ 1 case/worker @ \$20/case/month	660.00	
iii)	Volunteer (6) @ 1 case/worker @ \$20/case/month	<u>360.00</u>	2,460.00

\*Rent:

i)	\$350/month x 3 months	1,050.00	1,050.00
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\*Equipment and Supplies:

i)	\$150/month x 3 months	450.00	450.00
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Maintenance of Vehicles:

i)	\$400/month x 3 months	1,200.00	1,200.00
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Training:

i)	Full-time (6) @ \$20 /month/worker	360.00	360.00
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\*\*Installation of Telephones:

i)	\$300.00	300.00	300.00
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Mileage Allowance:

i)	1,000 miles/month for the service @ 13¢/mile	390.00	390.00
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\*Miscellaneous:

i)	Heat, lights, electricity, telephone etc. @ \$50/month	150.00	150.00
			<u>\$28,895.85</u>

\* Not Federal CAP cost-shareable

\*\* The Spring Street programme was forced to move from its present accommodation at 2524 Cypress because of a change in ownership of the building and because of an increase in rent. Therefore installation of telephones is required in the new premises.

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Spring Street Project (cont'd)

TOTAL		\$28,895.85
Less 25% Programme cost-sharing by the Provincial Dept. of Human Resources.	6,812.00	
Less 50% Federal CAP cost-sharing on \$27,245.85 (items eligible for CAP sharing)	<u>13,622.93</u>	<u>20,434.93</u>
NET COST TO THE CITY OF VANCOUVER		<u><u>\$ 8,460.92</u></u>

Therefore the Director of Social Planning recommends that:

1. Vancouver City Council approve the extension of funding of the Spring Street Project to March 31, 1974 on the basis of the budget and cost-sharing formula proposed herein for a net programme cost to the City of Vancouver of \$8,461.
2. The position of Director, Spring Street Project not be filled for this interim period.
3. The Director of Social Planning assume direct administrative responsibility for this project for the interim three (3) month period.
4. The Director of Social Planning report on the future financing and auspices of this programme, provided it continues, by February 27, 1974, including results of the evaluation research.

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the foregoing recommendations of the Director of Social Planning be approved.

MOVED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the recommendations of the Director of Social Planning contained in the foregoing Board of Administration report be approved, after being changed to read as follows:

- "1. Vancouver City Council approve the extension of funding of the Spring Street Project to March 31, 1974 on the basis of the budget and cost-sharing formula proposed herein for a net programme cost to the City of Vancouver of \$8,461, on the understanding that no further Civic funds will be expended after March 31, 1974 on this program.
2. The position of Director, Spring Street Project not be filled for this interim period.
3. The Director of Social Planning assume direct administrative responsibility for this project for the interim three (3) month period.
4. The Director of Social Planning report on the future financing and auspices of this programme, provided it continues, by January 31, 1974, including results of the evaluation research."

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(underlining indicates changes)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT AND OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)

R. City Hall Renovations

The Board of Administration submitted the following report under date of December 17, 1973:

The Director of Permits and Licenses reports as follows:

"The renovation work in the City Hall which was approved by Council on December 14th, 1971 and February 8th, 1972, has been completed with the exception of certain improvements then proposed for the third floor, which have been deferred pending further study and will be the subject of a further report.

It is now proposed that alterations and renovations be carried out immediately in the Subground Floor, to provide urgently needed additional space for the Systems and Data Processing Division of the Finance Department. The Printing Branch of the Finance Department and the Microfilming Branch of the Engineering Department also require additional space and improved facilities, and these improvements should proceed in conjunction with the other construction work.

Insufficient space can be made available in the Subground Floor to provide adequate and efficiently arranged offices for the data processing operations, systems and program development work and administrative functions of the Systems and Data Division. In view of the inherent advantages in continued location of the Division within the City Hall, and the lack of suitable alternative space, it is proposed that new offices be developed for the Division in the Aldermanic Garage, and suitable alternative parking arrangements be made.

The architect has developed preliminary plans of the proposed alterations in the Subground Floor, and working drawings of the proposed offices for the City Clerk, together with cost estimates, as follows:

1.	Proposed offices in existing garage	\$120,000.00
2.	Alterations and renovations in Subground Floor to accommodate computer operations, microfilm office, also minor renovations to telephone operators' office, men's lunch room, heating engineer's office and adjacent rooms	190,000.00
3.	Alterations and renovations to Printing Shop, bindery, offices and mail room, including provision of exterior ramp for loading materials and altering No. 2 vault to provide additional space for storing materials (Further studies are being made of Item 3 and may result in some saving)	61,000.00
4.	Renovation of two public washrooms on south side of building	8,000.00
5.	Improved lighting, minor alterations and painting in Vault No. 2 (required by Finance Department for form and card storage)	2,000.00
6.	Proposed offices for the City Clerk	108,000.00
7.	Allowance for the cost of the General Contractor's supervision, overhead and profit for management of the project (based on an estimated construction period of eight months required for Item 2)	40,000.00
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		\$529,000.00

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BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT & OTHER REPORTS (cont'd)City Hall Renovations

It is proposed that all work approved by Council be carried out by the same general contractors who have been responsible for the renovations to date, on the basis of a management type of contract, the fee to be negotiated, and that the general contractor be authorized to negotiate the major subcontracts with the same firms they have employed previously, to take advantage of their familiarity with the building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and other features.

The cost of project management will not vary substantially from the estimate with any increase or decrease in the scope of the work outlined above, provided that the work in all areas is implemented within the time period required for completion of the alterations in the Subground Floor.

The estimates include allowances for Architects' and Consultants' fees, telephone and intercommunications installation charges, and miscellaneous expense. The cost of necessary furnishings will be included in the Purchasing Agent's estimates of furniture replacement costs for 1974.

The Director of Finance advises that there is a balance of \$458,000.00 in unappropriated funds for City Hall Alterations, of which approximately \$58,000.00 will be required for work previously authorized, and the remainder of \$400,000.00 is available. The additional amount required if Council approves the foregoing estimates is \$129,000.00, and would be provided in the 1974 Supplementary Capital Budget.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Council:

1. Approve the foregoing proposals and estimates, and authorize the Director of Permits and Licenses to proceed with the necessary contractual arrangements on the basis outlined in the report.
2. Enter into a contract with Allan and Viner Construction Ltd., for management of the project, such contract to be satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel.
3. Approve the amount of \$129,000.00 in advance of the 1974 Supplementary Capital Budget."

Your Board recommends that the above report of the Director of Permits and Licenses be adopted.

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

THAT the recommendation of the Board of Administration contained in the foregoing report be approved.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S. Regional District Matters

Alderman Hardwick advised that Mr. Kelly, Chairman of the Regional District, will be reporting to the Regional District Board as a result of meeting with Government officials in Victoria on transit matters.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,

SECONDED by Ald. Gibson,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BY-LAWS

1. BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 3575, BEING THE  
ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW  
(N/S E. Pender between McLean and Woodland Drives)  
(S/S 1000 Block Barclay Street)

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be introduced and read a first time.

- CARRIED

The By-law was read a first time and the Presiding Officer declared the By-law open for discussion and amendments. There being no amendments, it was,

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be given second and third readings and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the By-law.

- CARRIED

The By-law was deemed read accordingly.

(Alderman Gibson was excused from voting as he was not present at the Public Hearing on November 15, 1973)

2. BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 3575, BEING  
THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT BY-LAW  
(S/S Parker Street and N/S Napier Street  
between Clark and Odium Drives)

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be introduced and read a first time.

- CARRIED

The By-law was read a first time and the Presiding Officer declared the By-law open for discussion and amendments. There being no amendments, it was,

MOVED by Ald. Hardwick,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be given second and third readings and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the By-law.

- CARRIED

(The By-law was deemed read accordingly)

(Alderman Gibson was excused from voting as he was not present at the Public Hearing on May 15, 1973)

3. BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW No. 4451  
BEING THE BUSINESS TAX BY-LAW

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be introduced and read a first time.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The By-law was read a first time and the Presiding Officer declared the By-law open for discussion and amendments. There being no amendments it was,

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,  
SECONDED by Ald. Linnell,

THAT the By-law be given second and third readings and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign and seal the By-law.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(The By-law was deemed read accordingly)



MOTIONS1. Allocation of Land for Highway Purposes  
(4277 Knight Street and 4280 Knight Street)

MOVED by Ald. Gibson,

SECONDED by Ald. Marzari,

THAT WHEREAS the registered owners have conveyed to the City of Vancouver, for road purposes, the following described lands:

1. East 7 feet of Lot 25 of Subdivision 2, Block 18, District Lots 391 and 392, Plan 1368
2. West 7 feet of Lot 2, Block 1, South part of Lots 1 and 3, District Lot 352, Plan 1909

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to accept and allocate the said lands for road purposes;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the above described lands so conveyed be, and the same are hereby accepted and allocated for road purposes, and declared to form and constitute portions of road.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Champlain Heights Site #20  
Parking Spaces

MOVED by Ald. Bowers,

SECONDED by Ald. Harcourt,

THAT Council rescind its motion requiring the development on "Champlain Site #20" to provide two parking spaces per unit; instead Council will require at this time 1.5 parking spaces per unit, but reserve the right to order, at a later time, an increase to two spaces per unit, if experience proves this necessary.

(notice)

Notice was called by Alderman Linnell, and recognized by the Chair.

ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERSDeputy Mayor Rankin -  
Traffic Signs:  
Scout House

advised that he had received a request from the Scout House that costs for traffic signs in front of Scout House be waived on Friday, December 21, 1973, because of deliveries being made to the premises in connection with floral gifts to old age pensioners.

MOVED by Ald. Massey,

SECONDED by Ald. Hardwick,

THAT traffic sign charges to the Scout House, 664 West Broadway, be waived in this instance.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Council adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

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The foregoing are Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 18, 1973, adopted by Council on January 8, 1974.

A. Phillips  
MAYOR

D. T. Lett  
CITY CLERK

WORKS & UTILITY MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

**A-1**

1. Granville Street Bridge

The City Engineer reports as follows:

"In 1972, the bearings for the above structure were found to be in need of repair and work was commenced. As all slide bearings must be repaired, a program was set up to carry the work over three years and is presently in progress. An amount of \$48,000 was approved for the 1973 budget and an item for \$25,000 will be submitted in the Basic Revenue Budget for 1974.

This work must be carried out in the cold weather when the expansion joints are open. Considerable economy can be effected by keeping the men and equipment on the job until the 1974 work is complete. It is also desirable to carry out this work before warm weather causes expansion of the deck beams and possible further damage to the unserviced bearings. Therefore, I recommend that the amount of \$25,000 be approved for this work prior to the approval of the Revenue Budget."

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the recommendation of the City Engineer be approved.

FOR COUNCIL ACTION SEE PAGE(S) 6/8

SOCIAL SERVICE AND HEALTH MATTERS

A-2

The Medical Health Officer reports as follows:

The Health Department has received a request from Turpin, Green & Associates Limited, Educational and Vocational Consultants, Vancouver, to supply Public Health Nursing time for a pilot project called "Basic Job Readiness Training Program". Turpin, Green & Associates Limited are working in conjunction with Canada Manpower and present the program at First United Church.

The Basic Job Readiness Training Program commenced October 29, 1973 and is to run approximately six months. In order to meet the request for staffing and in anticipation of approval from Council, verbal agreement was received from Mr. D.H. Pollard, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner.

The total cost of the request to the Health Department is as follows:

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
a) Personnel - One Public Health Nurse @ \$26.50 per session 3 sessions per week	\$636.00	\$1,431.00
b) Car Allowance - @ \$.13 per mile	60.00	240.00
c) Administration @ 10% surcharge	<u>70.00</u>	<u>167.00</u>
	\$766.00	\$1,838.00

Further to the request from Turpin, Green & Associates, we have notified them of our charges. We now have confirmation by letter that the costs are totally acceptable and that they also agree to billings for services at December 31, 1973 and April 30, 1974.

Your Board recommends that:

- (a) The Health Department be authorized to supply the necessary staff and service to assist Turpin, Green & Associates Limited in effectively carrying out their "Basic Job Readiness Training Program - Pilot Project".
- (b) Expenditure of funds, in the amount of \$2,604.00, be authorized subject to total recovery as arranged with Turpin, Green & Associates Limited.

FOR COUNCIL ACTION SEE PAGE(S) 6/8

Board of Administration, December 14, 1973 . . . . . (BUILDING - 1)

BUILDING AND PLANNING MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

1. Freight Elevator - Coroner's Court, 240 E. Cordova Street

The Director of Permits and Licenses reports as follows:

"The freight elevator at the Coroner's Court is a hydraulic system using City water pressure for power. Following a repair to the elevator in February, 1973 the Provincial Elevator Inspector advised that because of deteriorating conditions of the water hydraulic equipment, it would be necessary to convert the elevator to an oil hydraulic system complete with new piston and casing.

Various less expensive alternatives have been investigated and discussed with the Elevator Inspector, however he has rejected these proposals and has served notice that the installation of an oil hydraulic system must be carried out immediately or he will take the necessary steps to place the elevator out of service.

The estimated cost to carry out the modifications are:

(1) Supply and install oil hydraulic equipment -	\$7,500.00
(2) Electric service for new pumping equipment -	900.00
(3) Alterations to building to provide new Machine Room -	1,100.00
(4) Contingency -	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

The Comptroller of Accounts advises that should Council approve this report, the necessary funds would be provided from the Contingency Reserve.

It is RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) the Assistant Director, Construction & Maintenance Division, be authorized to carry out the necessary alterations to the freight elevator at the Coroner's Court;
- (2) funds estimated at \$10,000.00 be provided from the Contingency Reserve."

Your Board RECOMMENDS that Council approve the above recommendation.

FOR COUNCIL ACTION SEE PAGE(S) 6/8

Board of Administration, December 14, 1973 . . . . . (FIRE & TRAFFIC)

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FIRE AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

A-6

RECOMMENDATION

1. Brief from 401 Committee of the  
Hastings Sunrise Action Council

The City Engineer reports as follows:

"At the City Council meeting on November 6, 1973, Council dealt with five points of concern related to the 401/Cassiar intersection which were part of an earlier brief heard by Council on October 23, 1973. This earlier brief also requested action on the matter of a pedestrian overpass and at the November 6th meeting Council resolved:

'That in respect to the Council resolution of October 23, 1973 concerning the overpass, the City Engineer, in examining the location of an overpass in the general area of the 401 Highway and Cassiar Street, discuss the matter with Mrs. Distefano and the 401 Committee prior to reporting to Council'.

This matter has since been discussed with Mrs. Distefano and the Engineering Department was advised that the Hastings Sunrise Action Council is currently preparing plans for residential development of the area bounded by Adanac, Cassiar, Charles and Boundary. In view of this, both the 401 Committee and Engineering Department officials agreed that it would be premature to proceed with further studies related to overpass design and location until such time as the development plans have progressed to the stage that such studies would be appropriate.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that the matter of a pedestrian overpass in the general area of the 401 Highway and Cassiar Street be tabled until the residential development plans have been submitted and approved by Council."

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the foregoing recommendation of the City Engineer be approved.

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FINANCE MATTERS

RECOMMENDATIONS

**A-7**

1. Strathcona Rehabilitation Project:  
Financial Situation

The Director of Planning, in consultation with the City Engineer and Director of Finance, reports as follows:

"The total funds available for the Strathcona Project are \$4,930,000. This is shared 50% by the Federal Government, 25% by the Provincial Government, and 25% by the City. The original allocation was \$5,000,000, but \$70,000 was diverted to Gastown. This amount of money is budgeted in the Agreement to carry out the Project, as follows:

Grant/loans for private property	\$2,000,000
Municipal Works	2,000,000
Administration	500,000
Contingencies	<u>430,000</u>
Total	<u>\$4,930,000</u>

While it is not possible to be precise about the amounts actually committed under each heading, as the work is not yet finished and all applications are not yet in, it appears that the amount of committed funds will be as follows on completion of the Project:

Rehabilitation of private properties	\$ 850,000
Municipal Works	2,000,000
Administration	315,000
Contingencies	<u>27,000</u>
Total	<u>\$3,192,000</u>

There is therefore available an uncommitted balance of \$1,738,000.

The Agreement provides for the improvement of private properties, for the construction of municipal works and also for the purchase by agreement and for resale purposes of property too deteriorated for rehabilitation or which has an adverse effect on the area for such reasons as nonconformity. The Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee has reviewed a large number of opportunities which may be available to improve the neighbourhood and which may be possible within the framework of the current Agreement. In addition, there are certain overexpenditures which are likely and which are inherent in the original budgeting system with its very large contingency item.

The Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee suggests that the following items should be approved as coming within the scope of the intention of the Rehabilitation Agreement and as having a significant impact on the quality of the area.

(A) Public Works Overrun

The nature of the public works and of the estimating process made it very difficult to be precise as to the cost of the public works program. The final costing cannot be determined until all the work has been completed but at this point it appears that the cost of the sewer and watermain construction, paving, sidewalk and street lighting will total \$2,300,000, for an overrun of \$300,000.

Council was advised of this probable overrun in September 1972 and, pending this review of the project budget, awarded the sewer contracts on the basis that up to \$350,000 of the cost might not be shareable. The overrun is seen by The Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee as a perfectly legitimate item for sharing under the Project.

Clause #1 continued:(B) Sewer Connections

The original combined sewer system in the area has been replaced with a system having separate sanitary and storm sewers. The Plumbing Bylaw requires that when separate sewers are constructed in this way it is the responsibility of the individual property owner to construct new connections to these separate sewers so that there will be no storm water finding its way into the new sanitary sewer which has a more restricted capacity than the original combined sewer.

This information was not available to the Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee when the Project was set up and a substantial number of grant/loans had been approved before it was understood that new sewer connections would be required. Such new connections could cost up to \$500 per house, for a total cost throughout the area of up to \$300,000 or \$400,000.

In many areas of the City, building connections must be separated when sewer separation work is undertaken or there will be continuous pollution discharges from City sewers, and flooding of buildings in the lower parts of the system during periods of rain. However, in the Strathcona area, a unique situation exists. The sanitary sewers are sized for possible ultimate RM-3 densities; the sewers are, of course, new and relatively infiltration-free; and many private buildings do not have roof or foundation storm water connections to the sewer. As a result, the new sewers can cope with the existing connections in all but the most extreme conditions, and requiring reconnection of the properties in the Strathcona area seems an unnecessary hardship on the owners.

The City Engineer and City Building Inspector are prepared, therefore, to recommend that this section of the Plumbing Bylaw be waived in the case of Strathcona for the existing development but that any new development or any extensive alterations to existing development should require the construction of new and separate private connections. The alternative to this is to require the private owners to connect, at their expense, and in an area where it has been necessary to supply grant/loans to ensure normal maintenance and improvement of the buildings it seems unreasonable to require these individual connections.

The City Engineer wishes to point out, however, in the strongest possible terms, that this waiver of the Plumbing Bylaw is unique to the Strathcona area.

Council will be receiving a general report on the whole matter of separate connections in all separately sewered areas of the City.

There is no recommendation, therefore, that there should be any contribution from the Project for this item.

(C) Linear Park Development

Development of a linear park system has been agreed with the Parks Board and by SPOTA, and was approved by Council in October 1972, with detailed design to follow.

This would connect Strathcona Elementary School, the new MacLean Park and False Creek Park with a walkway system partly on existing streets and partly on some vacant City-owned property. A design has been prepared by Don Vaughan & Associates, who were hired by the Parks Board for this purpose, and this design has been approved by the Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee as well as the Parks Board. Cost of construction of this facility is estimated by the landscape architect at \$100,000.

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Clause #1 continued:

The architect's estimate does not provide for lighting the linear park; this will add about \$20,000 to the cost. Further, the street closures will create additional traffic in two lanes and these should be paved at an estimated cost of \$10,000. The total estimated cost of the linear park project (excluding land cost) is thus \$130,000.

It seems reasonable that this should be constructed as part of the Rehabilitation Project as it will have a very definite effect in improving the area.

As far as the City-owned land for the park is concerned, it is suggested by the Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee that the payment from the Parks Board Five Year Capital Budget Fund should be made for this land, either:

- a. if there is sufficient surplus available in the Parks Board Park Purchase Fund at the end of the current Five Year Plan or, failing that,
- b. the purchase price should be included in the park purchase program as first priority in the next Five Year Plan.

It is suggested further, however, that the development of the park should go ahead as quickly as possible as part of the rehabilitation program so that the full impact of the program can be made as soon as possible and so that advantage can be taken of federal and provincial assistance.

The Director of Finance does not concur with this recommendation, and suggests that the cost of the land should also be charged against the Project.

When Senior Government approvals of cost-sharing on the linear park have been received, a report will be advanced recommending Council's necessary formal actions on street closures, dedications, and amendments to local improvements.

Maintenance costs for the Linear Park will have to be provided in the Park Board's Annual Budget.

(D) Purchase of Deteriorated Premises

The site office staff has identified 14 properties which contain either very little development and that of a poor quality or very deteriorated buildings. The purchase of these properties, clearing off the nuisances and the disposal of the sites for new housing would thereby have a two-fold benefit

for the area. In 4 cases it is likely that the problem will solve itself as either the owner is planning to build or the property is former City-owned property now owned by the Province of British Columbia and clearance and its re-use for housing can be anticipated without any intervention by the Project.

In the case of the remaining 10 properties, however, they will clearly remain as they are unless purchased and cleared by the Project. Not all of the owners may be prepared to sell but if they do it is estimated that the difference between purchase price and resale would be of the order of \$75,000. The Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee is firmly of the opinion that a serious attempt should be made to remove these substandard structures and that this should be included as part of the Project.

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Clause #1 continued:

(E) Clean-up

A clean-up campaign was organized as a start-up for the whole project in the Spring of 1972, with the removal by the City of garbage and junk from private property at the request of the property owners. This had a significant effect on the appearance of the area. As the Project nears its close there are still large numbers of dilapidated sheds in the rear of houses. Some have been cleared as part of the Project but there are still many there, mainly with houses which have not received grant/loans. SPOTA is willing to mount a neighbourhood self-help program to persuade owners to have their sheds removed and then for the neighbourhood itself to organize a labour force for the actual demolition. Some financial assistance for this program will be necessary in the way of truck rental and perhaps some limited salaries for supervision or to do skilled work. It would be appropriate to close the Project with still another clean-up campaign. An amount of \$10,000 should be more than adequate to cover the cost of any rentals, limited salaries and the City garbage trucks for the garbage pickups.

In summary, therefore, the Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee suggests that the following items should be carried out as part of the Rehabilitation Project and requests that Council approve these items and seek the approval of the Province and CMHC:

(i)	Public Works Overage	\$300,000
(ii)	Linear Park Development (including lighting and lane paving)	130,000
(iii)	Purchase of Deteriorated Premises (net of resale)	75,000
(iv)	Clean-up	<u>10,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$515,000</u>

It should be noted that more detailed estimates of final costs will be needed before the precise amounts are known and it is suggested that the items should be approved up to a maximum total of \$600,000.

The net City's share of Item 1 would be borne by the Sewers, Water Works, Streets and Lighting Capital Funds. The City's share of Items 2, 3 and 4 would be drawn from the Urban Renewal Capital Fund.

It is RECOMMENDED, therefore, that Council approve as part of the Project the items listed above, not to exceed a total cost of \$600,000, and that a request be forwarded to the Provincial Government and CMHC for their concurrence in the inclusion of these items.

It should be noted that, if Council agrees with the suggestion of the Director of Finance, that the cost of land for the linear park should also be charged against the Project, the \$600,000 amount will have to be increased by the value of that land."

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the recommendation of the Director of Planning be approved.

2. Staffing Needs: Community Care  
Facilities Licensing Office

The Medical Health Officer and the Director of Welfare & Rehabilitation report as follows:

"On August 29, 1972, Council approved the establishment of four positions to carry out the City's responsibilities under the Community Care Facilities Licensing Act. These four staff of the City's Welfare & Rehabilitation Department were seconded to the Medical Health Officer for administration. They included one Care Facilities Consultant II, two Care Facilities Consultants I and a Clerk-Typist II. The staff have been housed at 45 Eighth Avenue, in the offices of the Provincial Government's Day Care Information Centre.

Because of our inability to attract a permanent Supervisor for this program, there have been many limitations in the administration of the provisions of the Act. We now have an Acting Supervisor who is anxious to return to his regular responsibilities as a Senior Public Health Inspector. This position of Supervisor is being re-advertised after negotiating a salary revision. At this stage we do not know whether any suitable candidates will be forthcoming.

However, it is clear from initial experiences in carrying this program that we are seriously understaffed, and it is recommended that the following permanent positions be added to the strength of the Welfare & Rehabilitation Department.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u> <u>1974</u>
1 Public Health Inspector	\$10,320
1 Care Facilities Consultant (to augment the licensing staff for facilities for children)	9,456
1 Clerk-Typist	<u>6,624</u>
	\$26,400
Fringe benefits 12½%	3,300
Auto Allowances 2 x \$60 p.m.	<u>1,440</u>
	\$31,140
Less CAP Recovery 50%	<u>15,570</u>
	<u>\$15,570</u>

Furniture

3 Desks	)	
3 Chairs	)	
1 Electric Typewriter	)	No charge *
2 Filing Cabinets	)	

\* Available from the Purchasing Agent, surplus stores.

The Comptroller of Accounts recommends that the funds for these positions be included in the 1974 estimates of expenditures, Department of Welfare & Rehabilitation, and that expenditure of necessary funds be authorized in advance of approval of the 1974 estimates.

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Clause #2 continued:

Your Board RECOMMENDS that:

- (a) the recommendations of the Medical Health Officer and the Director of Welfare & Rehabilitation be adopted;
- (b) the Director of Personnel Services establish classifications for the above-named positions and submit his recommendations to your Board;
- (c) the necessary funds be included in the 1974 estimates and authorization be granted for necessary expenditures prior to adoption of the 1974 estimates.

This report has been discussed with the Business Manager, MREU. He concurs herein.

3. Request for Increased Appropriation,  
New and Non Recurring Equipment

The City Coroner reports as follows:

"This Department has an on-going need for a dictating unit and a transcribing unit for the preparation of autopsy reports. Both the existing pieces of equipment are ten years old and are recommended for replacement during 1974.

The existing transcribing unit has recently broken down and we are using a machine loaned to us from Verster Business Machines on a temporary basis. The Purchasing Department has advised that it would be uneconomical to purchase only the existing transcribing unit and has therefore recommended, because of the urgency of the requirement of both the transcribing and dictating units, that they be replaced immediately. The total replacement cost will be \$870, considering a trade-in value of \$15 per unit, leaving a net replacement cost of \$840.00.

This item is not contained in our current budget, nor is funding available from elsewhere within the budget. Authority is therefore requested to purchase this equipment with an increase in our appropriation accordingly. The Comptroller of Accounts advises that, if approved, funding is available from within the contingency reserve".

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the City Coroner's request for an increase of \$840 funded from the contingency reserve for the purchase of a dictaphone and transcriber unit be approved.

4. Completion of Microfilm Program of  
Building Permit Plans for the Department  
of Permits and Licenses

The Director of Permits and Licenses reports as follows:

"City Council on April 10, 1969, adopted a joint report from the City Engineer, the Director of Permits and Licenses and the Director of Planning which recommended that the City proceed to institute a microfilming system for all its plans and technical records.

Microfilming of building permit plans commenced in 1971 and approximately four (4) months time of actual microfilming has been spent on this work each year since then for the Department of Permits and Licenses. As at December 31, 1972 all plans in Vault No. 1 (West Vault) have been microfilmed and sent to the Archives Branch.

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Clause #4 continued:

During 1973 considerable progress was made in coding of building permit plans in preparation for microfilming. The bulk of these plans are presently stored in Vault No. 2 (East Vault) and on September 1, 1973 the Engineering Department began microfilming these plans. The Assistant Director, Construction and Maintenance Division, advises that the space presently used in the East Vault for the building permit plans will be required for expansion of departments within City Hall. Since structural alterations are necessary, this space should be vacated as soon as possible after the New Year, and not later than April 30, 1974.

The Engineering Department is prepared to continue microfilming the building permit plans after January 1, 1974 in order to complete the program and provide the space required for other departments. To keep pace with the actual microfilming it will be necessary to accelerate the plan coding preparation and processing and to do this three temporary employees at the Engineering Assistant I level will be required for an estimated four months expiring April 30, 1974. There are approximately 17,500 plans to be coded.

The above staff requirements and the necessary funds will be included in our 1974 budget. Authorization prior to approval of the 1974 budget is necessary, however, in order to continue the microfilm program from the beginning of January 1974.

The funds required are as follows:

Three Engineering Assistants I for four months @ \$470 per month	\$5,640
Fringe Benefits @ 8%	<u>451</u>
	<u>\$6,091</u>

I therefore recommend that:

- (a) Authorization be given to employing three temporary Engineering Assistants I, beginning January 1, 1974 to prepare building permit plans for microfilming.
- (b) The funds amounting to \$6,091 be provided in appropriation 6741/725 prior to approval of the 1974 budget."

YOUR BOARD RECOMMENDS that the recommendation of the Director of Permits and Licenses be approved.

5. Welfare and Rehabilitation Department  
Temporary Staff for New Provincial Mincome  
Program, Age 60 - 64 Years

The Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation reports as follows:

" On September 18, 1973, City Council authorized the hiring of 10 temporary staff including:

- 1 Financial Aid Worker III
- 8 Financial Aid Worker I
- 1 Clerk Typist II

for a period of four months (September 1, 1973 - December 31, 1973) for the above program. Total salary costs, including fringe benefits and transportation, are 100% recoverable from the Department of Human Resources.

Our request for 10 temporary staff was, at best, a rough guesstimate. The initial task undertaken by these 10 staff was to transfer approximately 1,400 recipients (age 60 - 64 years) from the Social Assistance category (cost shared) to the Provincial Mincome Program (100% provincial). This has now been completed. Over the past month the number of applicants for the new Mincome Program has exceeded all original estimates and we are finding it impossible to keep up with the volume.

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Clause #5 continued:

At December 1, 1973, we had a list of 3,200 new applicants to be seen. In addition, new applicants are coming in at about 15 per day and this trend is expected to continue for at least another three months.

Accordingly, it will be necessary, for this initial period, to extend the temporary employment of the aforementioned staff and to provide some additional personnel.

All applications date stamped to December 31, 1973, and found eligible are entitled to Mincome retroactive to October 1, 1973. The Department of Human Resources has requested our assistance in processing all applications as quickly as possible.

Fortunately we have been provided with 14 staff by the Department of Human Resources (Summer Employment Program) to assist in processing this initial heavy volume. This additional staff is available to the end of March, 1974.

In summary, we would request authority to extend the temporary employment of the existing 10 staff to the end of March, 1974, and to reclassify one of the Financial Aid Worker I to a Financial Aid Worker II to provide adequate supervision of the Financial Aid Worker I. With the heavy volume and the newness of the program, the supervisor (Financial Aid Worker III) cannot provide the required day to day supervision. Furthermore, he requires assistance in training inexperienced staff.

ESTIMATE OF COSTS

a) Extension of existing 10 temporary staff.

<u>Title</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Jan. 1/74 - Mar. 31/74</u>
Financial Aid Worker III @ \$943 per month for 3 mos.	(1)	\$ 2,829.00
Financial Aid Worker II @ \$752 per month for 3 mos.	(1)	2,256.00
Financial Aid Worker I @ \$685 per month for 3 mos.	(7)	14,445.00
Clerk Typist II @ \$470 per month for 3 mos.	(1)	<u>1,410.00</u>
Sub Total:		\$ 20,940.00
Fringe Benefits 10%		<u>2,094.00</u>
		\$ 23,034.00
Regular Auto Allowance 300 miles per month @ \$57 per month for 9 F.A.W. for 3 months (9 x \$57 x 3)		<u>1,539.00</u>
Total Salary Estimate:		<u>\$ 24,573.00</u>
Equipment Rental		
1 Typewriter @ \$25 per month for 3 mos.		\$ 75.00
1 Steno Desk @ \$25 per month for 3 mos.		75.00
1 Steno Chair @ \$15 per month for 3 mos.		<u>45.00</u>
		<u>\$ 195.00</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>		
Salaries		\$ 24,573.00
Equipment Rental		<u>195.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$ 24,768.00</u>

Recoverable from Province - 100%

Cost to the City of Vancouver - nil

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Clause #5 continued:

NOTE: The Department of Human Resources has agreed to 100% provincial cost on the existing 10 temporary staff (to the end of December, 1973), and it is assumed that they will cover 100% costs of the extension to carry out duties directly related to the Provincial Mincome Program.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL AUTHORIZE the extension of 10 temporary staff from January 1, 1974 to March 31, 1974, as outlined above, on the understanding that total costs, estimated at \$24,768.00 are recoverable from the Provincial Government.

This report has been discussed with the Director of Personnel Services and he finds that the duties and responsibilities of the required positions have been properly classified.

This report has been discussed with the Business Manager of the Vancouver M.R.E.U. and he concurs with it and has agreed to waive the regular waiting period."

YOUR BOARD RECOMMENDS that the foregoing report of the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation be adopted.

6. Extension of Temporary Buyer Position Through 1974

The Director of Finance reports as follows:

"On June 12, 1973 Vancouver City Council adopted a Board of Administration recommendation to extend a temporary Buyer position to December 31, 1973, to alleviate the heavy work load in the Purchasing Agent's Office.

A recent review indicates a continued high level of activity through 1974 and such things as the greatly expanded sewers construction program will load to capacity the normal buying program and the following special assignments will push the load far beyond the capacity of the permanent staff. I would therefore recommend that the Temporary Buyer position be extended to December 31, 1974.

- (i) Preparation of specifications and the purchase of furniture and equipment for -
  - (a) Newly constructed premises such as the new Provincial Courts Complex and 4 new fire halls.
  - (b) Renovated premises such as the 3rd floor and subground areas of the City Hall and the Carnegie Building.
- (ii) Disposition and/or relocation of furniture and equipment generated by (i) above.
- (iii) Increasing prices and developing shortages will put a load on the staff that cannot even be estimated at this time. Daily we are finding it more difficult to obtain firm prices or guaranteed deliveries and lead times are extending considerably.
 

Impending petroleum shortages are well known but less well known are shortages of a wide range of petrochemical products, gray iron castings, steel, lumber, plywood, paper, textiles, etc., and the list is increasing rapidly. These shortages are reducing the number of term contracts which can be written and are forcing us to search out supplies on an order-to-order basis. Considerable follow-up time will also have to be spent to ensure delivery commitments are met.
- (iv) Also, one of our Buyers has recently been appointed Purchasing Agent for a Community College, effective January 1, 1974, and some efficiency will be lost during the training of his successor.

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Clause #6 continued:

This report has been discussed with the Administrative Analyst, the Director of Personnel Services and the Business Manager of the Vancouver Municipal & Regional Employees' Union, all of whom agree with the recommendations.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED:**

- I. That a temporary Buyer position be approved for the period January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974.
- II. That the estimates cost in 1974 of \$15,000 be approved in advance of the 1974 Revenue Budget.

Your Board **RECOMMENDS** the foregoing recommendation of the Director of Finance be adopted.

7. Investment Matters (Various Funds) October, 1973
  - (a) Security Transactions during month of October, 1973
  - (b) Summary of Securities held by the General and Capital Accounts

(a) GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS (PURCHASE)

Date	Type of Security	Maturity Date	Maturity Value	Cost	Term Days	Annual Yield %
<u>Chartered Bank Deposit Receipts and Government Notes</u>						
Oct. 1	Bank of Montreal	Oct. 2/73	\$1,500,236.30	\$1,500,000.00	1	5.75
5	Ontario Treasury Bills	Oct. 9/73	497,774.52	497,284.05	4	9.00
5	Toronto Dominion Bank	Oct. 12/73	1,502,842.19	1,500,000.00	7	9.88
15	Mercantile Bank of Canada	Oct. 31/73	1,255,068.49	1,250,000.00	16	9.25
15	Mercantile Bank of Canada	Oct. 16/73	994,194.03	993,941.60	1	9.27
15	Mercantile Bank of Canada	Oct. 17/73	995,846.31	995,327.10	2	9.52
18	Bank of British Columbia	Oct. 31/73	501,567.12	500,000.00	13	8.80
19	Bank of British Columbia	Oct. 22/73	1,000,657.53	1,000,000.00	3	8.00
22	Bank of British Columbia	Oct. 31/73	997,296.10	995,082.93	9	9.02
23	Bank of British Columbia	Oct. 24/73	1,500,328.77	1,500,000.00	1	8.00
24	Alberta Treasury Bills	Oct. 29/73	1,492,575.30	1,490,655.83	5	9.40
26	Mercantile Bank of Canada	Oct. 29/73	1,000,739.73	1,000,000.00	3	9.00
26	Ontario Hydro	Oct. 29/73	1,876,622.00	1,875,154.76	3	9.52
29	Royal Bank of Canada	Nov. 7/73	4,461,127.21	4,450,406.00	9	9.77
30	Bank of British Columbia	Nov. 16/73	1,004,447.95	1,000,000.00	17	9.55
31	1st Canadian Investments Ltd.	Nov. 30/73	500,000.00	496,251.60	30	9.19
31	Alberta Treasury Certificates	Nov. 16/73	1,254,794.52	1,250,000.00	16	8.75
31	Alberta Treasury Certificates	Dec. 28/73	1,522,310.14	1,500,000.00	58	9.36
				<u>\$23,858,428.21</u>	<u>\$23,794,103.87</u>	

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SALE OF BANK SWAP DEPOSIT BY SINKING FUND TO GENERAL ACCOUNT

Date	Type of Security	Maturity Date	Maturity Value	Cost	Term Days	Annual Yield %
Oct. 15	Bank of Nova Scotia*	Apr. 1/74	<u>\$1,892,246.30</u>	<u>\$1,800,000.00</u>	168	8.95

\*Sold by Sinking Fund to help meet large maturity commitment October 15, 1973

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CEMETERY PERPETUAL MAINTENANCE FUND (PURCHASES)

Date	Type of Security	Maturity Date	Maturity Value	Price	Cost	Term Yrs/Mos	Annual Yield %
<u>Debentures</u>							
Oct. 23	City of Vancouver 6%	June 15/80	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	\$86.125	<u>\$1,722.50</u>	6/8	8.79

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Clause #7 continued:

(b)

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES HELD IN  
GENERAL AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS ONLY AS AT OCTOBER 31, 1973

<u>Type of Security</u>	<u>Par or Maturity Value</u>	<u>Cash or Book Value</u>
<u>Short Term</u>		
Chartered Banks Deposit Receipts and Government Notes	<u>\$48,842,110.57</u>	<u>\$47,478,195.95</u>
<u>Type of Security</u>	<u>Par or Maturity Value</u>	<u>Cash or Book Value</u>
<u>Medium Term</u>		
B.C. Hydro & Power Authority 7% Parity Bonds due Sept. 1/75	<u>\$ 398,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 401,525.59</u>

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the foregoing report of the Director of Finance on Investment Matters (Various Funds) for October, 1973, be approved.

8. Cash Shortages and Overages

The Director of Finance has submitted a report setting out the following cash shortages and overages as reported by the Departments for the year 1973:

	<u>Overages</u>	<u>Shortages</u>
City Treasurer & Collector	\$324.29	\$221.60
Provincial Court	21.00	132.00
Social Planning Department	<u>--</u>	<u>181.69</u>
	<u>\$345.29</u>	<u>\$535.29</u>

The Director of Finance advises that the overages of \$345.29 have been deposited with the City, and, as requested by him,

your Board RECOMMENDS that authority be granted to adjust the shortages, \$535.29, in the cashiers' accounts.

9. Temporary Help:  
Internal Audit Division

The Internal Auditor and Director of Finance report as follows:

'On September 26, 1973 the Board of Administration authorized the establishment of a Temporary Audit Clerk II position for the period October 15th to December 31st, 1973. That action was necessitated because of three resignations from Audit Clerk II positions in the month of September. To date only one of those vacancies has been filled and that from within the Division therefore creating another vacancy in an Audit Clerk I position which will be filled in mid-December.

The total loss of staff time due to the vacancies to date is 7 man months and the lack of junior staff is seriously hampering the completion of audits on schedule. The Internal Auditor has just received notice that another Audit Clerk II will be resigning effective January 31, 1974, because of a planned move to the interior of B. C.

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Clause #9 continued:

It is therefore requested that the temporary Audit Clerk II position authorized to December 31, 1973 (2½ months) be extended for three months to March 31, 1974. Mr. Daniel Martin, a retired Audit Clerk II, is now filling the temporary position and has agreed to continue in the extended period. Mr. Martin's experience in the functions of the office would be most helpful with four new employees coming on staff.

Funds estimated at \$2,250 for Salaries and Fringe Benefits would be provided in the Division's 1974 budget.

It is therefore recommended that:-

- a) the temporary Audit Clerk II position be extended to March 31, 1974.
- b) the required funds estimated at \$2,250 be authorized in advance of the 1974 budget. '

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the recommendations of the Internal Auditor and Director of Finance be approved.

10. "Skid Road" Housing - Fire and Lodging  
House By-law Enforcement

Your Board met with the Medical Health Officer, Fire Chief, the Director of Permits and Licenses and other City officials to discuss the steps necessary to develop a co-ordinated approach to upgrading the quality of housing in the Skid Road area, while not reducing its availability.

As a result of the meeting it was agreed that the Assistant Director, Community Planning Division, Planning Department would consult with CMHC to ascertain the extent to which financial assistance might be available under the National Housing Act. It was pointed out that the more stringent requirements of the new Lodging House and Fire Bylaws could result in the closing of many rental premises; it is probable that many owners in the absence of funding from CMHC would find it uneconomic to make the required improvements. This aspect is to be examined by the Administrative Assistant to the Commissioner, the Public Health Inspector and a representative of the Property and Insurance Division. The Law Department have been requested to examine the feasibility of introducing a "Maintenance and Occupancy Bylaw" which would be an addition to the present "Lodging House Bylaw" but which would be confined to the Skid Road area.

Subsequently, your Board received draft reports from the Medical Health Officer and the Fire Chief as a result of which your Board submit the following recommendations for enforcement of the Fire, Lodging House and other Bylaws in the Skid Road area.

A. Use of Fire Wardens as a Task Force

The Medical Health Officer reports there are now three vacancies of Public Health Inspectors. Current advertising and recruiting from the May/June graduating classes will not bring the Department up to strength for several months.

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Clause #10 continued

It is therefore recommended that four Fire Wardens be assigned immediately to inspect the Lodging Houses in the area (it is estimated there are 250 buildings) to make a complete assessment of Fire Bylaw requirements. These Fire Wardens will be located at the Abbott Street office where they are in daily contact with the Health Inspectors working in the general downtown area. The Fire Wardens will give reports of their inspections to the Public Health Inspectors and these reports will then form the basis of any discussion by the Public Health Inspectors with the Lodging House owners and operators.

To provide the four Fire Wardens necessary for this inspectional task it is recommended that two additional Fire Warden positions be established effective when filled. Four experienced Fire Wardens will be assigned immediately to commence the inspections in the Skid Road area. It is recognized that by removing four Fire Wardens from their regular duties and replacing them with only two positions that there may be some reduction in the number of regular fire prevention inspections throughout the city, however, as the area under consideration is a high risk area the shift in inspection priorities should enhance the program and the addition of two

Fire Wardens will result in a greater total number of inspections made annually.

It is estimated that the additional two Fire Wardens will be required for two years and the program should therefore be reviewed in April 1975.

B. Estimate of Cost

<u>Salaries etc. -1973 Rates</u>	<u>1974 Annual Cost</u>
2 - Firefighters	
6 mos at \$689.00 ea	\$ 8,268
6 " " \$716.00 ea	<u>8,592</u>
	\$ 16,860
Fringe Benefits 17%	2,860
Uniform -initial issue	<u>600</u>
	<u>\$ 20,320</u>
1 - Clerk Typist at \$470	\$ 5,640
Fringe Benefits 12½%	<u>705</u>
	<u>\$ 6,345</u>
<u>Total Salary etc. estimate 1974</u>	<u>\$ 26,665</u>

Equipment

1 Steno Desk	280
1 " Chair	60
1 Electric Typewriter	475
2 Golden Oak Desks	90*
2 Chairs	240
*ex Surplus Stores	
2 Automobiles (to be withheld from trade in)	-
	<u>\$ 1,145</u>
<u>Total estimated 1974 cost</u>	<u>\$ 27,810</u>

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Clause #10 continuedC. Notes

- (a) The Director of Finance advises that if this report is approved the estimated funds will be included in the 1974 Departmental Budget of Expenditures.
- (b) This report has been discussed with the business manager of the Municipal and Regional Employees Union and he concurs herein.

D. Summary of Recommendations

Your Board recommends that:

- (a) This report be adopted and the program implemented by the Fire Chief and the Medical Health Officer immediately.
- (b) The Medical Health Officer and other Department Heads concerned prepare a pamphlet outlining Bylaw requirements: such pamphlet to be distributed to the owners and operators.
- (c) Four Fire Wardens be assigned to the task and two additional Fire Warden positions be established effective when filled.
- (d) Authority be granted for expenditure of necessary funds prior to approval of the 1974 Budget.
- (e) The Director of Personnel Services recommend the classification of the positions to the Board of Administration for approval.
- (f) The program to be reviewed in April 1975 and when completed, the three positions established by this report to be abolished. The manning strength of the Fire Department to be adjusted by recruitment and the incumbent of Clerk Typist position to be given priority in another suitable available position.

11. 1973 Travelling Youth Programme

The Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation and the Director of Social Planning report:

"The Vancouver Travelling Youth Programme has undergone a gradual evolution over the past three or four years. From an emergency welfare programme, providing accommodation for young persons who saw themselves as an alienated group, it has become an accommodation programme with recreational and educational components for young persons travelling across Canada.

In 1973, the travellers were slightly younger and better prepared in terms of their individual and financial planning as well as their personal well being. This year, the programme ran from June 1 to September 15. During that time, 12,388 individuals were accommodated for 39,000 bed/nights in nine hostels and the Home Placement Programme.

A central clearing house and information centre, the Youth Referral Centre, made over 15,000 referrals to hostels and private homes. Operated by the Crisis Centre, it provided 24 hour service to travellers. In addition, a travelling youth employment programme succeeded in placing 609 travellers in a variety of permanent and temporary jobs.

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Clause #11 continued:

This year's experience has proved conclusively that young travellers can and will contribute to the cost of their accommodation. Over \$16,000.00 was collected this summer to help defray expenses.

In 1972, approximately 12,000 individuals were accommodated in hostels sponsored by the City Welfare or the Secretary of State's Summer Hostel Programme. The total cost was about \$360,000.00. This year, due to a combination of lower per diem rates, collection of user fees, implementation of a break even financing formula and twenty-one fewer weeks of actual hostel operation, the Travelling Youth Programme's cost was about \$155,086.70. The City of Vancouver's share in the costs in 1972 was about \$18,000.00. This was reduced to around \$5,400.00 in 1973.

Until this year, the Travelling Youth Programme was a Welfare responsibility. Persons seeking hostel accommodation were requested to sign declarations of destitution in order to get into one of the Welfare funded hostels. They also had to prove that they were Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

Due to changes in the needs and focus of the travellers, the programme's administrative auspices were changed. Early in 1973, Vancouver City Council approved the hiring of a Hostel Co-ordinator in the Department of Welfare and Rehabilitation, to be seconded to the Department of Social Planning. In practice, the Hostel Co-ordinator acted as the representative of the Vancouver Hostel Board, which was composed of representatives of Social Planning, Provincial Department of Human Resources and the Office of the Secretary of State, Citizenship Branch, for a total of three. Through this Board, the Provincial government and the Office of the Secretary of State substantially increased their participation in and funding of the Vancouver Travelling Youth Programme. The Board was in large part responsible for the innovations which helped in reducing the total costs of the programme in 1973.

The Department of Human Resources, in recognition of the established need for a full-time Hostel Co-ordinator in the City of Vancouver, have advised the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation in writing that they will finance 100% of the salary, fringe benefits, auto allowance and accommodation for this position, effective December 15, 1973. They have requested the Department of Welfare and Rehabilitation to establish a full-time Hostel Co-ordinator position at the Pay Grade 23 level, (City of Vancouver rates) and second this position to the office of the Vancouver Regional Director of the Department of Human Resources.

When the Vancouver Community Resources Board is established, this position is to be transferred from the Department of Welfare and Rehabilitation to the above-mentioned Board.

**SALARY COSTS (Monthly - 1973 rates)**

1 Hostel Co-ordinator P.G. 23	
from December 15, 1973	
(\$860.00 - \$1,033.00)	\$ 860.00
Fringe Benefits @10%	86.00
Auto Allowance (monthly)	58.00
Total	\$1,004.00
LESS: Recovery from Province	1,004.00-
100%	
Cost to City	NIL

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Clause #11 continued:

In view of the fact that the Department of Human Resources has specifically indicated the Classification and Pay Grade, the Director of Personnel Services advises that his review and recommendation is not required.

This report has been discussed with the Business Manager of the VMREU and he concurs, providing the classification of the position is reviewed in six months' time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation and the Director of Social Planning recommend:

- A. Authorization of a permanent Hostel Co-ordinator at Pay Grade 23 on the understanding that 100% salary costs, including fringe benefits and auto allowance, are met by the Provincial Department of Human Resources.
- B. That Vancouver City Council instruct the Director of Social Planning to meet with appropriate civic department heads to develop emergency accommodation criteria for temporary hostel facilities for the 1974 programme."

YOUR BOARD

Recommends that the RECOMMENDATIONS of the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation and the Director of Social Planning be adopted.

12. Rentals and Other Charges  
The Vancouver Symphony Society

The Manager of The Queen Elizabeth Theatre reports as follows:

"The funds of the 1973 grant to the Vancouver Symphony Society are now exhausted. An invoice in the amount of \$4,510.01 has been tendered for payment to the Society for charges over and above the balance of the grant for the month of November, 1973. December, 1973, rentals are estimated at approximately \$9,950.00.

In February, 1973, a similar situation developed, and no payment for rental was received from the Society until the 1973 grant was approved. The accumulated outstanding charges were applied against the new grant of \$46,000.00.

The grants to the Vancouver Symphony Society are less than the annual costs charged to the Society by the Theatre. Carrying over unpaid charges from one year and applying them to the following year's grant will create an ever-increasing account receivable which could eventually exceed the expected City grant, if any.

Specific direction on the handling of this matter is requested."

Your Board submits this matter for Council CONSIDERATION.

(copy of letter from Symphony Society is  
circulated for information)

DELEGATION THIS DAY

Board of Administration, December 14, 1973 . . . (PERSONNEL - 1)

PERSONNEL MATTERS

A-8

RECOMMENDATION

1. Strathcona Site Office Staff

The Director of Planning reports as follows:

"The staff of the Strathcona Site Office are partly City employees, partly C.M.H.C. employees, and one member is on contract from Neighbourhood Services. The project agreement runs to the end of 1974, but the three City staff positions were set up to terminate at the end of 1973. The Strathcona Rehabilitation Committee has considered the staffing requirements to complete the project and believe that the Site Office can be closed within the first six months of 1974. Two of the City positions, that of Planning Assistant II and Clerk-Steno II, are vacant, and have been vacant for 3-1/2 months and 3 months respectively. These positions are no longer required and can be abolished. The position of Assistant Information Officer is, however, necessary and will continue to be necessary up till the closing of the Site Office. The salaries of all personnel in the Site Office are shareable with the Federal and Provincial Governments as part of the cost of the project, with the City's share being 25%. Accordingly, it is recommended that:

- (A) The Planning Assistant II and Clerk-Steno II positions in the Strathcona Site Office be abolished.
- (B) The position of Assistant Information Officer be extended for a period up to June 30, 1974, dependent on the Site Office remaining in operation.

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the recommendations of the Director of Planning be approved.

2. Appointment to Royal Commission  
on Family & Children's Law

The Medical Health Officer reports as follows:

"Mrs. Mish Vadasz, Senior Social Work Consultant, Health Department, has been invited to participate for approximately ten months in the recently appointed Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law, chaired by Mr. Justice Berger of the B.C. Supreme Court.

The Minister of Health has requested that Mrs. Vadasz be released from her duties with the Health Department, in order to take up her appointment on January 1, 1974.

It is proposed to request the hiring of a Temporary Replacement for the position temporarily vacated by Mrs. Vadasz. In this connection a detailed report regarding funding and recovery costs will be submitted to Council at a later date.

RECOMMENDED that Mrs. Vadasz's services be seconded to the Royal Commission on Family & Children's Law and reimbursement in total for salary, fringe benefits and transportation costs (including City share) be sought from the Province of B.C."

Your Board RECOMMENDS that the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer be approved.

Board of Administration, December 14, 1973 ..... (PROPERTIES - 1)

## PROPERTY MATTERS

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Acquisition for Park Site #10 - Mount Pleasant  
2340 Prince Edward St.  
2344 Prince Edward St.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-

"The above properties legally described as Lot E, Block 104, D.L. 264A, known as 2340 Prince Edward Street, and Lot F, Block 104, D.L. 264A known as 2344 Prince Edward Street, form part of Park Site #10 which is listed under Table I of Park Sites Purchases Program 1971-1975, confirmed by Council on December 15, 1970. It is noted that these properties are two of three remaining properties to be acquired in the block bounded by Prince Edward Street, 7th Avenue, Guelph Street and 8th Avenue.

#### 2340 Prince Edward Street

These premises comprise a 1½ storey non-basement frame dwelling with a main floor area of approximately 800 square feet, erected in 1900 on a lot 40' x 74.3' ± zoned RM-3. The dwelling contains 8 rooms (divided in 2 self-contained rental units), 8 plumbing fixtures, has a patent shingle roof, asbestos siding on exterior walls, a foundation consisting of wood posts on concrete piers, and is heated by an automatic gas-fired furnace. This dwelling has been well maintained and is in good condition. Both suites are occupied by tenants on a month-to-month basis.

#### 2344 Prince Edward Street

These premises comprise a 1½ storey frame dwelling, plus a full basement with a main floor area of approximately 650 square feet, erected in 1900 on a lot 46' x 76' zoned RM-3. The dwelling contains 9 rooms (divided into 7 rental units), 8 plumbing fixtures, has a patent shingle roof, stucco exterior, a concrete foundation and is heated by an automatic gas-fired furnace. This dwelling has been well maintained and is in good condition. The owners occupy a suite and the rest of the units are occupied by tenants on a month-to-month basis.

Following negotiations with the owners, they are prepared to sell both properties for the sum of \$80,000.00 in full settlement as of December 31, 1973. This settlement price is considered to be realistic and is substantiated by an independent appraisal. The Parks Superintendent concurs in the purchase of these properties. It is proposed to demolish the dwellings when vacant.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that the Supervisor of Property & Insurance be authorized to acquire the above properties for the sum of \$80,000.00 on the foregoing basis, chargeable to Code #4189/-.

Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing report of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

2. Senior Citizens' Housing Project, Kitsilano  
1987 West 7th Ave.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-

"On November 6, 1973, City Council authorized the Corporation Counsel to apply to the Court for an Order For Possession and appointment of an arbitrator on behalf of the owner of the above property, legally described as Lot 19, Block 286, District Lot 526, which is the only property remaining to be acquired for this project. Subsequently, on November 19, 1973, the Court granted the City an Order For Possession.

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Clause 2 cont'd

It is noted that on February 27, 1973, City Council approved the expropriation of this property and on June 26, 1973, authorized the Corporation Counsel to apply to the Court for a Vesting Order. This property is now registered in the name of the City of Vancouver, pursuant to a Court Vesting Order dated August 3, 1973.

These premises comprise a 2½ storey frame dwelling, with a main floor area of 1,023 square feet, and full basement erected in 1906 on a site 50' x 111.95', zoned R.M.-3. This house contains ten rooms, has eight plumbing fixtures, a patent shingle roof, asbestos shingles on exterior walls, a concrete foundation, and is heated by a coal and wood hot air furnace. Condition of this single family dwelling is poor but structurally sound. The owner is the only occupant.

Continuous negotiations have been held with this owner for approximately one year and he has refused to accept the City's offer of \$50,000.00. However, he is now prepared to accept the sum of \$53,000.00, as of December 31, 1973, in full settlement and vacate at an early date so that demolition can be started. This settlement price is considered to be realistic under the circumstances, and has been endorsed by the City Solicitor to avoid arbitration proceedings.

This transaction has been reviewed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the details thereof entered in their records.

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be authorized to acquire this property for the sum of \$53,000.00 on the foregoing basis, chargeable to Code No. 565/1011."

Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing Recommendation of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

3. Acquisition for Arbutus-Burrard Connector  
 Lot 5 Except the East 10 Ft., Block 267, District Lot 526  
1854 West 5th Ave.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-

"The above property, legally described as Lot 5 Except the East 10 Feet, Block 267, District Lot 526, and known as 1854 West 5th Avenue, forms part of the right-of-way of the proposed Arbutus-Burrard Connector and has been offered for sale by the owner.

These premises comprise a 2½-storey and full basement frame dwelling with a main floor area of 827 square feet, erected in 1905 on a site 40' x 120', zoned R.M.-3. This dwelling's 10 rooms comprise a self-contained suite on the main floor, two suites on the second floor, and two sleeping rooms on the third floor. The improvement also has 12 plumbing fixtures, a patent shingle roof, shingles on exterior walls, a concrete foundation, and is heated by an oil conversion furnace. A garage measuring 18' x 10' is attached. The condition of this dwelling is only fair but it appears to be structurally sound.

This house is fully rented to five tenants by the present owner and it is proposed to continue these tenancies until required for a City project, and at such future date to demolish the dwelling when vacant.

Following negotiations with the owner he has agreed to sell for the sum of \$42,350.00 as of December 31st, 1973. This price is considered to be fair and equitable and representative of market values in this area.

RECOMMENDED that the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be authorized to acquire this property for the sum of \$42,350.00 on the foregoing basis, chargeable to Code No. 146/1609 - Arbutus-Burrard Connector."

Clause 3 cont'd

## Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing Recommendation of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

4. Acquisition for Knight St. Widening  
25th Ave. to 33rd Ave.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-

"The widening and improvement of Knight Street between 25th and 33rd Avenues, along with the installation of permanent pavement through to 57th Avenue, is to proceed under the 1974 Paving Programme. In order to complete the required 80 ft. road allowance, it is necessary to acquire a 7 ft. widening strip from the remaining privately-owned properties in the section between 25th and 33rd Avenues.

Following negotiations, the owners of the properties listed hereunder have agreed to convey the required widening strips on the terms indicated.

(A) Lot 2, Block 1 south part of lots 1 and 3,  
 D.L. 352  
4280 Knight Street

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Loss of land - (West 7 ft.) - 350 sq. ft.    | \$ 700.00 |
| 2. Damaged lawn to be replaced by City Engineer |           |

(B) Lots 20 & 21 except the West 10 ft., Block 4 of  
 Block 5, D.L. 391 & 392  
4851 Knight Street

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|--|-----------|
| 1. Loss of land - (East 7 ft.) - 462 sq. ft.   | \$ 924.00 |
| 2. Loss of shrubs  | \$ 25.00  |
| 3. Build cut stone wall at new property line with<br>concrete grade steps and connector walks; replace<br>damaged lawn all at no cost to the owner |           |

Estimated Cost \$2,500.00

(C) Lot 24 except the West 10 ft., Block 4 of  
 Block 5, D.L. 391 & 392  
4823 Knight Street

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|---|-----------|
| 1. Loss of land - (East 7 ft.) - 231 sq. ft.  | \$ 462.00 |
| 2. Build cut stone wall at new property line with<br>concrete grade steps; replace damaged lawn |           |

Estimated Cost \$1,250.00

3. Driveway and crossing to be replaced by City  
 Engineer all at no cost to the owners

(D) Lot 25 of Sub. 2, Block 18, D.L. 391 & 392  
4277 Knight Street

- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| 1. Loss of land - (East 7 ft.) - 215.6 sq. ft.   | \$ 431.20 |
| 2. Concrete connector walk and any damaged lawn<br>to be replaced by City Engineer at no cost to<br>owner. |           |

(E) Lot 26 of Sub. 1, Block 18, D.L. 391 & 392  
4359 Knight Street

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| 1. Loss of land - (East 7 ft.) - 231 sq. ft.  | \$ 462.00 |
| 2. Concrete connector walk and any damaged lawn<br>to be replaced by City Engineer at no cost<br>to owner |           |

Clause 4 cont'd

(F) Lot 25 of Sub. 1, Block 18, D.L. 391 & 392  
4371 Knight Street

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| 1. Loss of land - (East 7 ft. ) - 231 sq. ft.   | \$ 462.00 |
| 2. Rebuild fence at new property line   | \$ 300.00 |
| 3. City Engineer to replace connector walk and repair any lawn damage at no cost to owners. |           |

RECOMMENDED that the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be authorized to acquire the above portions of land on the foregoing basis, chargeable to Code #148/7919."

Your Board

RECOMMENDS the foregoing Recommendation of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

5. Acquisition for Britannia Community Services Centre Site  
Lot 18, Block 38, D.L. 264A  
1641 William St.

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance reports as follows:-

"On June 26th, 1973, City Council authorized the Corporation Counsel to apply to the Court for Orders for Possession with respect to three properties within the Britannia Community Services Centre Project area, including the above-noted, (Lot 18, Block 38, D.L. 264A, known as 1641 William Street).

Subsequently, on August 14th, 1973, City Council, "In Camera", authorized the Supervisor of Property and Insurance to offer up to \$32,500.00, all inclusive to each of the three affected owners.

A settlement was subsequently effected with one of the owners but it was necessary to take physical possession of two of the properties and demolish the dwellings. Further negotiations resulted in a recent settlement with one of these latter two owners.

The owner of Lot 18, Block 38, D. L. 264A, through her Solicitor, has now offered to accept the sum of \$35,000.00, subject to an adjustment date for taxation purposes of August 27, 1973, the date the City took possession of the property.

The City Solicitor considers that in view of all circumstances, a final settlement on this basis would be reasonable at this time, and same has been approved by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The Britannia Community Services Centre now involves 77 properties, and this property represents the 75th negotiated settlement.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be authorized to acquire this property for the sum of \$35,000.00, inclusive of all consideration, chargeable to Code #5830/427."

Your Board

RECOMMENDS that the foregoing Recommendation of the Supervisor of Property and Insurance be adopted.

WORKS & UTILITY MATTERS

RECOMMENDATION

**B-1**

1. Local Improvement Project:  
Stanley Park Neighbourhood, West End

The City Engineer, Director of Social Planning, Director of Finance and Director of Planning, with the advice and concurrence of the West End Planning Team, report as follows:

"Purpose

This report requests Council's approval of a Local Improvement procedure in the Stanley Park Neighbourhood west of Denman Street in the West End to allow for the provision of mini-parks, improved sidewalks on certain routes, and street paving as one project on an area basis. It also requests Council's approval of a proposed cost sharing formula for the project. This report further requests authority to retain a landscape consultant to assist with the design of mini-parks.

Streets Involved

The proposal deals with all the streets within the area bounded by Georgia, Denman, Davie, Beach and Stanley Park, including the whole of Lagoon Drive and of Morton Avenue but not the boundary streets named above.

Background

The sewer and water main reconstruction in this area of the West End has already begun and will be completed by late Spring, 1974. The improvements to the streets and sidewalks will follow completion of these and this provides the opportunity to construct the mini-parks with this work.

The West End Policy Guidelines #10 and #11, adopted by Council October, 1972 called for the development of additional park space and the design and programming of park space.

The Policy Guidelines stressed the urgent need for additional park space in the West End especially at the neighbourhood level. In order to implement these Policy Guidelines without land acquisition a pattern of developing portions of streets as mini-parks is proposed.

Policy Guidelines #7 and #8 called for a reduction of through traffic and the diversion of local traffic from residential streets to collector streets. These guidelines have been implemented in the Stanley Park neighbourhood (Traffic Scheme I) by means of traffic barriers. The effect of the traffic barriers has been to greatly reduce traffic flows and create new traffic flow patterns in this area. Based on the experience of the effect of Traffic Scheme I, it is now possible to propose a pattern of street closures which will maintain local accessibility while discouraging unnecessary traffic movement in the area.

Public Discussion

Preliminary proposals for using portions of streets as mini-parks have been presented to the public in two public meetings, in news items in the Province and West Ender newspapers, and to all property owners in the Stanley Park neighbourhood. Substantial majority support for it has been indicated but it is realized that not everyone has had a chance to indicate their views. It is important that all affected property owners and renters have the opportunity to indicate their support for this proposed concept. It is also essential that the design of these mini-parks meets the needs of the residents of the area. For this reason all residents will be given the opportunity of being involved in the design stages of the project, during December and January. Further public meetings, mail-outs and press coverage will be used to receive additional public comments and to present final proposals.

Clause 1 Continued

Mini-Park Locations

The pattern of street closures combines the design requirements and principles of both open space and traffic needs. The present proposal indicates eight possible locations for mini-parks and one traffic diverter. These locations are:

- Haro at Gilford - half-block north of Gilford - approx. 10,000 sq. ft.
- Haro at Gilford - half-block south of Gilford - approx. 10,000 sq. ft.
- Chilco at Barclay - half block north of Barclay - approx. 18,000 sq. ft.
- Chilco at Comox - half block north of Comox - approx. 16,000 sq. ft.
- Chilco at Robson - 40' north of Robson - approx. 4,000 sq. ft.
- Haro at Lagoon - enclosed street end - approx. 8,000 sq. ft.
- Two lane ends in 800 block Lagoon Drive - approx. 700 sq. ft.
- Morton at Denman - 92 feet west of Denman - approx. 6,000 sq. ft.

Total approx. = 72,700 sq. ft. (1.7 acres)

Sidewalks

Improvements to the sidewalks are also of concern to the West End residents. Some sidewalks in the Stanley Park neighbourhood have been identified as heavily used pedestrian routes. These pedestrian paths should be treated with special paving, lighting and tree plantings as part of the project.

Overhead Wiring

Existing overhead wires along Chilco and Beach Avenues should be undergrounded at the same time the streets and sidewalks are reconstructed. This has been requested by the residents of the area. Space will be reserved in the design to accommodate the undergrounding of wires as B.C. Hydro is unable to do so in 1974.

Preliminary Cost Estimates

Total estimated cost comparisons for eight possible mini-park locations:

- a. Construction of roadways, curbs and sidewalks at eight mini-park locations at an average \$1.00 per square foot over the 66 foot width = \$73,000.00
- b. Construction of mini-parks at eight locations each 66 feet wide at \$2.00 per square foot = \$145,000.00

The above figures indicate that the cost of constructing mini-parks at eight locations could be \$72,000.00 more than the cost of constructing roadways, curbs and sidewalks at the same locations. This estimate would include removal of pavement and development of the area into a landscaped space providing drainage, sodding or paving, benches, trees, shrubs and plants.

The estimated cost for construction of improved sidewalks along some pedestrian routes would be \$7.00 per running foot more than the cost for usual sidewalk construction (\$15.00 per running foot). The exact location of improved sidewalks will be determined by further discussions with the design consultant and residents.

The cost estimates presented in this report relate to the largest probable areas for mini-parks and improved sidewalks. There are two possible ways that this cost may be altered:

- a. The total mini-park area may be reduced.
- b. Design refinement may result in a certain cost change, either an increase or a decrease.

The final cost should, however, be close to that estimated at this time.

The maintenance of the mini-parks will be carried out by the Park Board. An estimate is \$2,000 per acre, which is \$3,500 annually and for which provision will have to be made in the Park Board budget.

Clause 1 ContinuedCost Sharing

The following division of costs between the City and the Property Owners is proposed:

Paving - the normal sharing to apply.

Sidewalks - the City to pay for renewal of existing walks, the Property Owners to pay for walks where walks do not now exist (with normal City contributions) and for any additional cost of greater width, special materials or finishes, etc., on the selected routes (including design fees).

Mini-Parks - the Property Owners to pay the full cost of developing the mini-parks except for normal flankage and intersections and also for special planting on pedestrian routes (including design fees).

Lighting - the Property Owners to pay for any special or additional lighting of the mini-parks or along the pedestrian routes.

It is proposed that all these works be advanced as one local improvement on the initiative, with all assessable properties abutting on the street (as defined above) paying the same rate per front foot. The normal reliefs for flankage, odd-shape, etc., should apply, but not so that the City bears any of the costs assigned above to the Property Owners.

Source of Funds

Funds for the City's share of the capital cost are available in the Five-Year Street Capital Program.

Design Consultant

It will be necessary to hire a consultant to prepare the design, working drawings and cost estimates for the mini-parks and sidewalk improvements. It has been recommended by the Director of Finance that the commission for the design consultant should be included in the Property Owners' share of the Local Improvement.

Tentative Schedule

- 11 December, 1973 - Council deals with the present report
- December, 1973 and early January, 1974 - Refinement of proposals and design of mini-parks and sidewalk improvements.
- 25 January, 1974 - Cost estimates finalized
- Early May, 1974 - Court of Revision and Council
- Summer, 1974 - Construction

Recommendation

We RECOMMEND for the Stanley Park neighbourhood of the West End:

- a. That the development of mini-parks, sidewalk improvements and street paving should be incorporated in one Local Improvement Project on an area basis;
- b. That the cost sharing proposed above be approved, and the Corporation Counsel be requested to bring forward the necessary Special Local Improvement Procedure By-law;
- c. That the Director of Social Planning, in consultation with the Superintendent of Parks and Public Recreation and the City Engineer, be authorized to select and appoint a Consultant immediately to produce designs, (in conjunction with residents) working drawings and estimates for the development of the mini-parks and the sidewalk improvements, by January 25, 1974, at a fee not to exceed \$5,000; and
- d. That the Director of Social Planning, the City Engineer, Director of Planning and the Superintendent of Parks and Public Recreation be authorized to determine the final design details in the light of the Consultant's recommendations and the public discussion."

## 2. West End Street Widths

The City Engineer reports as follows:

"In August, 1970 Council requested that the City Engineer report on the implementation of a 32 foot pavement width on local residential streets in the West End. Such a report has remained outstanding because of the preparation of the West End Policy Guidelines and the West End Plan.

It should be recalled that the August, 1970 report generated a great deal of public reaction and the Engineering Department has considered the comments and opinions received from citizens in the preparation of these recommendations.

Some of the traffic related aspects of the West End Policy Guidelines have been implemented and detailed work is now proceeding on the future use of street allowance for open space uses such as mini-parks.

It is now necessary to adopt a pavement width for the residential streets in the West End so that Local Improvement Procedures can commence, leading to reconstruction of the local streets west of Denman in 1974.

Such a work programme, involving Local Improvement Procedures, requires that a decision on street widths be reached by the 11th January, 1974 in order that preparation of the estimates may proceed on schedule for the May 2nd Court of Revision.

This report outlines the function of Local Access Streets and recommends a pavement width for such streets. It further describes certain Local Distributor Streets and recommends widths for these.

### West End Plan

A hierarchy of streets is proposed in the West End Plan, i.e.

District Arterials - Denman, Davie, Robson, Beach, Pacific and Thurlow.

Local Distributors - Nelson, Nicola, sections of Jervis, sections of Bute and Lagoon Drive.

Local Access Streets - all other residential streets and these are described in the Plan extract as outlined below.

### Local Access Streets

'These will have one purpose, to carry the traffic which has an origin or a destination in the buildings flanking their short lengths of three and four blocks. The aim will be to design a street pattern which will place as many street lengths as possible in this category. Local Access Streets should be wide enough to carry the safe two-way movement of the largest type of emergency vehicle and a normal passenger car, together with limited on-street parking.'

This description defines the limited use of such streets in carrying traffic flow; only the traffic generated by three or four residential blocks will use them and all other traffic will be directed on to the Local Distributors and District Arterials.

In order to conform with the requirements of residential areas with respect to lower traffic noise levels, which are associated with lower traffic flows and slower speeds, the pavement width should be adequate to permit traffic safe and free, but not fast, flow.

Recent studies of parking demand and supply indicate that the present practice of permitting parking on one curbside only is likely to continue although reduced in number. It should be recognized that this is a lower level of service than that being provided in the other higher density residential areas of the City. In these areas all new road construction provides for curbside parking on both sides of the street, which is considered to be an appropriate standard.

In the case of the West End, however, the policy expressed in Guideline Number Nine, i.e. 'Reduce on-street parking; increase off-street parking', leads to acceptance of curbside parking being confined to one side only. Therefore, the new street width need only accommodate this use of one curbside.

Clause 2 Continued

The light traffic flows on Local Access Streets, which are now 24 feet wide, indicate that there are fewer occasions when vehicles pass one another in a block length. The necessity to cater for easy passing clearances is not as great on Local Access Streets as that indicated for busier streets. However, the present width is below that required for minimum driving convenience and difficulties are encountered when larger vehicles are passing one another. On the occasions when vehicles are legally stopped on the 'No Parking' curbside, moving vehicles are hindered by the narrowness of the remaining gap. The Fire Chief finds the present streets to be too narrow and is in favour of their being widened. Recognizing the limitations imposed by the need to retain the boulevard trees it is considered that a minimal width standard should apply in the West End.

To allow for an adequate clearance for the convenient passage of a large emergency vehicle and a private car between the curb and vehicles parked opposite, requires an increase over the present 24 foot width. It is considered that a 27 foot width is appropriate and that this can be obtained without disturbance to the boulevard trees.

A preliminary review indicates that most of the curbs will require to be replaced in any pavement reconstruction, and it is desirable to extend this to ensure a uniform quality of appearance.

Local Distributor Streets

Robson Street, west of Denman, and Nelson Street fall in the category of Local Distributors which link the District Arterials and the Local Access Streets.

Traffic flows are higher on these streets and vehicles should be encouraged to travel on these in preference to nearby Local Access Streets. The level of service for moving traffic should, therefore, be higher than that for Local Access Streets. The question of curbside parking on Local Distributors presents certain difficulties. On one hand there is the wish to provide adequate curbside parking service; opposing this is the fact that widening the pavements to accomplish this will reduce the street amenities, in particular by removal of boulevard trees.

For the two blocks of Robson and the three blocks of Nelson, west of Denman, a compromise proposal, taking into account the local circumstances, is recommended.

Nelson Street, which is now 24 feet, should be widened to 27 feet except in the 1800 block where the width should be reduced to 25-26 feet to avoid interference with the trees. This will permit the retention of the curbside parking on the 2000 block.

Robson Street, which has a raised bank on the south side of the 1900 block will be paved to 31 feet, which is 1 foot larger than its present 30 feet; permitting curbside parking on the north side of both blocks with adequate clearance to the raised boulevard on the south side.

Lagoon Drive has no parking need on either its east or west side so the pavement width should only cater for Park and neighbourhood traffic flows which are light. The ground level falls off steeply into the Park making widening difficult and possible only at the expense of the boulevards. It is considered that a 24 foot wide pavement will be adequate.

The City Engineer recommends that:

- a. Local Access Streets in the West End be constructed to a width of 27 feet.
- b. Robson Street, 1800 and 1900 blocks, be paved to 31 foot width.
- c. Nelson Street, 1900 and 2000 blocks, be paved to 27 foot width.
- d. Nelson Street, 1800 block, be paved to a width between 25 and 26 feet.
- e. Lagoon Drive be paved to a width of 24 feet.



Clause 2 Continued

The West End Planning Team has considered this report and wishes to add the following:

The question of street widths in the West End received a great deal of public attention in August, 1970 when boulevard trees were threatened by the proposed 32 foot widening. Because of the history of public interest in this issue the West End Planning Team will disseminate the information contained in this report to the West Enders so that they can be made aware of the intention to preserve boulevard trees in the reconstruction of pavements to an extra width of three feet.

The West End Planning Team is of the opinion that West Enders' reactions to this proposal should be heard through delegations at a night meeting of Council.

Inasmuch as street reconstruction is planned to occur in 1974, only in the Stanley Park neighbourhood, it is necessary to reach a decision on pavement widths for the street system just west of Denman. There is ample time for further study and public discussion on widths for the area east of Denman.

The West End Planning Team recommends that:

- a. Recommendation 1 above referring to Local Access Streets apply only to the streets west of Denman.
- b. The above recommendations be subject to the hearing of delegations at the first night Council meeting in January."

DELEGATION REQUEST: West End Community Council

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BUILDING AND PLANNING MATTERS

CONSIDERATION

1. Charles and Nanaimo Streets  
Canada Safeway Limited - Parking Lot Extension

The Director of Planning reports as follows:

An application has been received from Mr. K.E. Horwood, Canada Safeway Limited, to use Lots 8-12 & 14 including proposed lane closure, Block 9, West half Sec. 22, T.H.S.L. Situated on the north side of Charles Street between the lane east of Nanaimo and Kamloops Streets (Zone: RS-1 One Family Dwelling District) as additional off-street parking facilities for the Safeway Store located on C-2 Commercial property on the east side of Nanaimo between Charles and Williams Streets and the lane lying immediately east of Nanaimo Street.

Brief History

A development permit was issued in 1960 for the Canada Safeway store as now exists on the C-2 Commercial property. Concurrently a separate development permit was issued to permit ancillary public parking area with landscaped setbacks in the RS-1 One Family Dwelling District on the south side of Williams Street, bounded on the west by the lane east of Nanaimo, on the east by Kamloops and on the south by the east-west City lane.

With the approval of the Board of Variance and no objections from property owners on the north side of Williams Street, the original 24' landscape setback along Williams Street was reduced to 11' on January 28, 1963.

Following complaints from surrounding property owners regarding the parking area, and particularly the use of the landscaped setback on Kamloops Street (24'), City Council in March 1971 resolved:

"That the City communicate with Canada Safeway Ltd., with a view to allowing additional parking space and a reduction of the 24' setback on Kamloops Street to 11'. Further that it be suggested to the Company that an application be made by them to the Board of Variance in accordance therewith and the Company be asked to carry out the same landscaping on Kamloops Street as is the case on William Street in respect to the setback areas."

On an appeal by Canada Safeway, the Board of Variance in July 1971 approved the landscaping setback on Kamloops Street being reduced from 24' to 11'. This has been carried out by the owner.

In 1972 a similar application, Development Permit Application #58087, for an additional parking area on the subject lands was submitted for consideration of the Technical Planning Board, however, due to the number of objections that were received from the neighbouring property owners (see Appendix A) the matter was referred to City Council. The Technical Planning Board indicated to Council they were prepared to approve the application subject to certain conditions. Subsequently Council adopted the following motion:

"That the various communications, submitted on this matter, be received."

On August 25, 1972, the Technical Planning Board in dealing with Development Permit Application #58087 resolved:

"That in view of the information received regarding the submission to City Council, Development Permit Application No. 58087 be REFUSED for the following reason:

The development as proposed is considered to be an unsuitable form of development in this location."

On receipt of the current Development Permit Application No. 61891 the Technical Planning Board laid the matter over for notification of neighbouring property owners. Twenty-five neighbouring property owners were notified. A petition containing 56 signatures representing 41 neighbouring properties (see Appendix B) was submitted stating:

"Enclosed please find a petition in favour of Canada Safeway Ltd. extending their present parking lot. Since last year the residents of the neighbourhood have changed their mind in favour of a larger parking lot so that the cars do not have to park on the street in front of the houses. Everyone would like to see those houses gone in the corner of the present parking lot as they are now beginning to be an unpleasant site. The Safeway plan seems to be better than the one presented last year. The people would like to see a few more trees in the parking lot and a green edge around the lot made up of trees planted two feet apart and not three feet."

A second statement submitted with the petition reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned residents of the neighbourhood where the Safeway store is situated, have reviewed the plan dated March 19th, 1973, prepared by Canada Safeway Ltd. and we have no objection to the extension of the parking lot as shown provided the easterly accesses from Charles and Williams Streets are chained off on Sundays and on holidays and that speed control bumps are installed."

Five letters were also received stating no objection to the proposed parking lot (signatures also on petition), and one letter was received stating that there should be no ingress or egress from Charles Street and the vehicular access from Kamloops Street should be left open, and also, a further letter was submitted in favour of the development but opposing the closing of the entrance off Kamloops Street.

The submitted drawings indicate the proposed parking area would maintain 11' setbacks from Charles, William, and Kamloops Streets.

When the Technical Planning Board were considering this development permit application to extend the public off-street parking area into a one family dwelling zone they were advised on behalf of the Director of Planning and Civic Development that favourable consideration would not be given to any rezoning application, if filed, to rezone portions of the residential area (parking lot) to a commercial zoning.

The Technical Planning Board when considering this application, including the petition, resolved:

"THAT Council be informed that the Technical Planning Board would be prepared to approve this application but in view of the history of a previous similar application refer the matter to Council for guidance prior to making a final decision."

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The City Planning Commission considered the first development permit application and opposed extension of the parking area having regard to the objections received at that time. However, on being advised no objections had been filed but a petition submitted in favour of the present application, the Commission resolved:

"THAT the City Planning Commission endorse the application."

In view of the rather large petition submitted by the majority of adjacent single family homeowners and no objections received to the proposed development, it is suggested Council may wish to refer the development permit application back to the Technical Planning Board for their final consideration for approval of the development and setting out the applicable conditions.

This report is referred to Council for CONSIDERATION.

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REPORT TO COUNCILSTANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON HOUSING

December 4, 1973

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Housing was held on Tuesday, December 4, 1973 at approximately 10:30 a.m. in the No. 1 Committee Room, third floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Alderman Harcourt (Chairman)  
Aldermen Hardwick, Massey and Rankin

COMMITTEE CLERK: M. Kinsella

RECOMMENDATION1. Future Use of 52 Acres of Remaining Jericho Land

The Chairman submitted the following memo for discussion:

"Now that the 38 acres have been added to the over 70 acres on the south side of Fourth Avenue and Parks Board planning in full swing for this park area, I think it is an appropriate time for the City and, in particular, the City's Housing Committee to consider the possibilities of persuading the Federal Government and hopefully the Provincial Government to consider any future use of the remaining 52 acres. I would think that this land could become a very attractive low-density housing area. Great care would have to be given to the planning to make sure that any housing that went on the land would meld in with the surrounding neighbourhood and be complementary to the 100 acres of park on the other side of Fourth Avenue.

I would like the sanction of this Committee and then Council to approach Federal and Provincial officials to discuss the future of these lands particularly for low-density housing."

Mr. Youngberg, Planning Department, by means of a map illustrated the lands in question and advised that approximately 1/3 of the area is single family housing, which is presently occupied by Armed Forces personnel. The consensus was that the City should be looking at the development of the remainder of this land for housing and it was the opinion of the members that as soon as it has been ascertained from the Department of National Defense and the Province when, and on what terms, this land would be available to the City, a planning process should be established to develop terms of reference for the use of the site in conjunction with interested citizen groups in the area.

The Director of Housing, Greater Vancouver Regional District, indicated that his Department is investigating the use of this land on behalf of the Provincial Government. Also the Federal and Provincial Governments are currently surveying the land to determine their plans for it. It was suggested that the Chairman maintain contact with the Director of Housing, G.V.R.D., and also work with the Planning Department and the Supervisor of Property and Insurance on this matter, with report back to the Committee.

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Clause No. 1 (cont'd)

RECOMMENDED

That Council

- A. Authorize the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Housing to contact the Department of National Defense and the Province of B.C. to determine their plans for the future use of the 52 Acres of remaining Jericho land on the South side of 4th Avenue;
- B. Indicate to both levels of Government its willingness to assist with initiating a planning process for development of this land particularly for housing.

INFORMATION

2. Downtown Eastside

A. Your Committee discussed with representatives of the Fire, Health and Permits & Licenses Departments the need for a person to assist the Health and Fire Departments particularly with enforcement of the Lodging and Fire By-laws in the Downtown Eastside. This would eliminate the owner or operator being confronted by a number of different inspectors and enforcement orders. The Housing and By-law Manager would consolidate the various departments' reports and by-law requirements and present them to the owner or operator of the involved premises, discuss them with him and acquaint him with any sources of funds which might be available to assist him with any needed up-grading or redevelopment of his premises. It was suggested that funds might be available through the C.M.H.C. to enable the City to hire a person for a pilot project in order to evaluate the effectiveness of this approach.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman investigate with C.M.H.C. the funding and establishment of a housing implementation worker to assist owners and managers of buildings in the Downtown Eastside to maintain and up-grade residential accommodation.

B. The Standing Committee on Social Services referred the following recommendations from the November, 1971 Social Planning Skid Road Report to the Housing Committee for consideration:

"Retention of appropriate residential stock in the Historic Precinct through inclusion of regulations in the CD-1 By-law to permit both commercial and residential uses in the same building."

- "(i) Restricting the conversion of existing buildings from residential use;
- (ii) Tax incentives, subsidies or means to preserve the low cost stores, restaurants, servicing the low income people in the area;
- (iii) Legislation to create incentives to landlords to improve residential accommodation without increasing rents.

Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

There was agreement that the Zoning regulations for the Downtown Eastside should be changed to permit both commercial and residential in the same building. In addition, because of the lower density permitted in residential buildings, it was suggested that developers be offered a bonus to encourage them to use both residential and commercial in the same building. It was pointed out that the Downtown Zoning Team is currently reviewing regulations for the Downtown area and it was suggested the Committee discuss amendment of the Downtown Eastside zoning regulations with them.

Alderman Rankin referred to a number of buildings in the Downtown Eastside which were partially demolished some time ago for redevelopment and suggested the Committee take action to proceed with the completion of the buildings as both these buildings had residential accommodation.

Your Committee also had for consideration the attached proposal from the Supervisor of Property and Insurance re Preservation of existing residential accommodation in Gastown and historic areas. Following intensive discussion, it was

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Chairman, through the appropriate City Department, indicate to the owners of buildings in the Downtown Eastside where there has been undue delay in completing renovations that it is the City's wish that they immediately proceed with redevelopment of their building;
- (b) That the Director of Planning be instructed to report back to the Standing Committee on Housing on amendment of the Zoning and Development By-law to permit residential development as an outright or conditional use in the Gastown, Skid Road, Chinatown area and on methods of preserving existing residential units above the ground floor of commercial premises in the same area.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

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REPORT TO COUNCILSTANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DECEMBER 6, 1973

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Finance and Administration was held in the No. 2 Committee Room, Third Floor, City Hall, on Thursday, December 6, 1973, at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman Bowers (Chairman)  
Alderman Harcourt  
Alderman Volrich  
Alderman Gibson (2:30 p.m.)

ALSO  
PRESENT: Alderman Rankin (part-time)

COMMITTEE  
CLERK : M. Sharkey

RECOMMENDATION1. 1974 Preliminary Operating Budget

The Committee continued to review the 1974 Preliminary Operating Budget and the Chairman's memo dated November 29, 1973.

Items listed under Revenues were first discussed.

Business Tax

The Director of Finance informed the Committee that there was some urgency in a decision on the Business Tax being made within the next month. The Committee felt that the Business Tax should be raised to 9½% of the assessed annual rental value.

Discussion followed regarding the New Provincial Tax legislation abolishing tax concession and what relation this would have in bringing increased revenue to the City of Vancouver.

Licence Fees

The Committee discussed apartment and lodging house fees. The general feeling was that fees should not be raised.

Service & Inspection Fees and Fines

The Committee discussed the possibility of the diversion of fines for Federal offences committed within the City of Vancouver from a revenue to the Federal Government to a revenue to the City.

Discussion was held on the increasing of Inspection Fees but no action was taken.

Water Rates

The question of whether or not the water rates in the City of Vancouver should be raised was discussed. It was pointed out that funds being realized from an increase in water rates could be used for developing water services (Capital Costs).



1974 Preliminary Operating Budget cont'd

Detoxification Centre

Discussion of the question of source of finances for the second detoxification unit 1974 Operating Budget was discussed by the Committee, and a recommendation made.

Local Initiative Program

Due to several Federal Local Initiative Program grants not being approved, the estimated \$300,000 can be reduced to \$100,000.

Grass Cutting--City Owned Land

The Committee discussed the amount of \$300,000 in the estimated 1974 Budget to implement a motion previously approved by Council to maintain grass cutting on City owned lots, which were in effect, being maintained as small neighborhood parks. It was felt by the Committee that the Park Board should be responsible for 'small scale local block parks'. Provision for small parks should be approved by Council on an individual basis, as the request is made through local homeowners association or community groups, and the amount of \$100,000 be left in the budget.

Convention Centre

A short discussion followed on the possibility of a convention centre being built in the Downtown area. Opinions varied on the merit of having such a convention centre established and whether or not this should be considered as a priority item by the Council. The Committee agreed that the possibility of the development of a convention centre in the Downtown area should be discussed by the Council at the time the next "five year capital plan" is prepared. The Provincial hotel-motel room tax could provide the source of funds for a convention centre.

Increased Revenues

Expected increased revenues from:

-Crown Corporations	\$ 200,000.00
-Hotel & Motel Licence Fees	300,000.00
-Business Tax	1,300,000.00
-L. I. P.	200,000.00 (from reduction)
-Grass Cutting	200,000.00 (from reduction)
-Surplus condition in 1973 Budget	500,000.00

The Committee;

RECOMMENDS:

- (a) THAT the Business Tax be raised to 9½% of the assessed annual rental value.
- (b) THAT the Council forward a letter to Premier Barrett requesting more specific information as to the total tax benefit the City will receive from the new legislation abolishing tax concession, and the possibility of the City receiving:
  - A Business Tax from Crown Corporations
  - Added Provincial funds from increased per capita grant

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1974 Preliminary Operating Budget cont'd

-Added Provincial contribution for Welfare, the Director  
of Finance to report back to this Committee.

- (c) THAT the Council inquire of the Federal Government the possibility of fines for Federal offences committed within the City of Vancouver, being diverted to the City as a source of revenue.
- (d) THAT the question of increasing fees and fines for various services and inspection be discussed at City Council level.
- (e) THAT the Alcohol and Drug Commission and Detoxification Centre Society Unit, be informed that no expenditures will be included in the 1974 Budget for the operating support of the second detoxification unit.
- (f) THAT the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 for Federal Local Initiatives Program be reduced to \$100,000.00.
- (g) THAT the estimate of 300,000.00 for Grass Cutting on City owned property be reduced to \$100,000.00.
- (h) THAT the Committee seek a meeting with local Members of the Legislature, in mid-January (10th to 15th) to discuss matters pertinent to added revenue financing for the City of Vancouver.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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REPORT TO COUNCILSTANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON SOCIAL SERVICES

December 6, 1973

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Social Services was held on Thursday, December 6, 1973 at approximately 1:35 p.m. in the No. 1 Committee Room, third floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Alderman Rankin (Chairman)  
Aldermen Hardwick, Linnell and Marzari

ALSO PRESENT: M. J. Denofreo, Executive Assistant  
to the Minister of Human Resources

COMMITTEE CLERK: M. Kinsella

The Minutes of November 8 and 15, 1973 were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION1. Day Care Services in the City of Vancouver

At the meeting of November 8, 1973, the Supervisor of Property and Insurance was requested to submit to the Provincial - Civic Committee on Day Care a list of City-owned lands which might be suitable for use for day care. The Supervisor of Property and Insurance submitted to the Day Care Committee a list of 16 City-owned sites for consideration. Representatives of the Day Care Information Centre, Community Care Facilities Licensing and representatives of Kitsilano, West Point Grey, Marpole and Strathcona areas viewed the sites offered by the City in their areas and today submitted a request for specific plots for day care centres. The criteria used in selecting these sites were:

- (a) the local representatives agree that the location and characteristics of the plot are suitable;
- (b) the specific Day Care Unit would fit upon the plot in accordance with licencing regulations;
- (c) the specific plot is suitable as far as the Department of Human Resources is concerned.

The following are the sites which were selected, listed in order of preference:

Mount Pleasant Area: First Choice: D.L. 264A, Block 109, Lots 9 - 12, Corner of 7th and Windsor St.

Alternative: D.L. 264A, Block 112, Lots 1 and 2, Corner of 7th and Keith Drive

Marpole Area: First Choice: D.L. 319 etc., Block D, Northern portion, 900 S.W. Marine Drive

Alternatives: D.L. 318, Block E, Lot 44, 1500 Block West 71st Avenue

D.L. 318, Block E, Lots 49, 50 and 51, 8700 Block, S.W. Marine Drive

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Strathcona Area: First Choice: D.L. 196, Block 122, Lot C and  
 Western Portion of Lot B, Pender to  
 Keefer on Dunlevy Street

Alternatives: D.L. 196, Block 122, Lot D, Pender  
 to Keefer and Dunlevy to Jackson

D.L. 181, Block 97, 98, Lots 1 to 5,  
 1 to 10, Campbell to Raymur on Union

Mt. Pleasant

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance pointed out that the Committee's first choice in the Mt. Pleasant area, i.e. D.L. 264A, Block 109, Lots 9-12, corner of 7th and Windsor, has a reserve on it for senior citizen housing and it is anticipated that the site will be developed for this purpose within six months to one year. The alternative site choice, i.e. D.L. 264A, Block 112, Lots 1 and 2, corner of 7th and Keith Drive, is part of the property being held by the City for a new detoxification centre. Mr. Aitken suggested the group investigate a lot adjacent to the China Creek Park, which is located at the end of St. Catharines Street, and is being held for future expansion of the Park and is also part of the China Creek storm drain system. This however, would not preclude its development on the surface for a day care centre and it would be less in conflict with its other needs.

Mr. F. Wiles, G.V.R.D. Housing Department, stated the Provincial Government owns an 18 unit apartment building in the Mt. Pleasant area which has a recreation area designed for use as a day care centre. This centre is intended for the residents of the building, which is located across from the China Creek Park. Mr. Wiles suggested that it could be utilized as an annex to the proposed day care centre.

Marpole

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance advised that the Committee's first choice in this area, i.e. D.L. 319 etc., Block D, Northern portion, 900 S.W. Marine Drive, is being held for future park needs, but is available at present for use for day care.

Strathcona

The preferred site in this area forms part of Blocks C and D, for which plans are being developed by the Community Development Committee. The second alternative is a temporary school site. The Supervisor of Property and Insurance suggested that the Strathcona day care centre group consider utilizing their third choice as this would be the most suitable.

Following further discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That Council make available to the Provincial Government Day Care Information Centre the following City-owned lots for use as day care centres:

Mt. Pleasant: Lot 1, Blk. 84 amended, D.L. 264A, which is the closed portion of St. Catharines Street, adjacent to China Creek Park, subject to its being found suitable by Inspection Committee which is comprised of representatives of the Day Care Information Centre, C.C.F.L., and the local Day Care Committee.

Clause No. 1 (cont'd)

Marpole: D.L. 319 etc., Block D, Northern portion,  
 900 S.W. Marine Drive

Strathcona: D.L. 181, Block 97, 98, Lots 1 to 5, 1 to 10,  
 Campbell to Raymur on Union

The Supervisor of Property and Insurance indicated that he is currently preparing a report in conjunction with the Planning Department on City-owned sites which might be utilized for day care centres. This report will include details of any holds on the sites. He expects this report to be before the Committee very shortly.

The Committee instructed the Clerk to arrange a meeting as quickly as possible with representatives of the Park Board and School Board re use of Park land and School sites for day care.

INFORMATION

2. Senior Citizens Homes Rates

At its meeting of November 1, 1973, the Committee resolved

"To refer the matter to the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation for an information report back to the Committee as soon as possible, to include details of any subsidies, tax advantages, assistance with acquisition of property, finance, etc. and recommendations with respect to alleviating any hardship imposed on senior citizens by the increase in rates."

The Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation submitted the following report for the information of the Committee:

"On November 1, 1973, the above subject, with specific reference to the Fair Haven United Church Home, was discussed and the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Council on Social Services referred the matter to the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation for an information report back to the Committee to include details of any subsidies, tax advantages, assistance with acquisition of property, finances, etc., and recommendations with respect to alleviating any hardship imposed on senior citizens by the increase in rates.

The Fair Haven United Church Home has advised the Department that effective December 1, 1973, their monthly rate for residents of their "Lodge" will be increased from \$130.00 to \$152.00 - this facility has 69 beds. At present there are no social allowance recipients placed in this residence. This Home is fully occupied by Mincome recipients (maximum \$209.02 per month), or other low income or marginal income senior citizens.

Fair Haven is a non-profit facility providing two types of care for senior citizens.

(i) independent self-contained living quarters. There are three classes with varying rates. Residents provide own food.

- a) increased from \$46.00 to \$60.00
- b) increased from \$47.00 to \$55.00
- c) increased from \$67.00 to \$80.00;

(ii) semi-independent accommodation in the "Lodge".  
 Level I care - residents are mostly mobile; have their meals in diningroom; laundry service provided.

increased from \$130.00 to \$152.00.

Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

**Facilities** such as Fair Haven have received a building grant under the Elderly Citizens Housing Act administered by the Department of the Provincial Secretary. The sponsor provides 10% of the capital cost. The Provincial Secretary provides 1/3 of the capital cost. The remaining 56 2/3% is obtained by way of a mortgage through C.M.H.C. amortized over 40 years at a low interest rate. The facility is also eligible for remission of municipal taxes. In return for these subsidies, the Home is obligated to accommodate social allowance recipients and persons on low or marginal income. At the time of receiving the building grant the monthly rate is established (based on prepared annual budget) by the Provincial Secretary.

Increases in the monthly rate can only be authorized by the Provincial Secretary following a review of an annual revised budget with data supporting reasons for the requested increase. During the past year these reviews have been done jointly by the Department of the Provincial Secretary and the Department of Human Resources. The recently approved increase at Fair Haven followed the above noted review process. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated October 17, 1973, to the Fair Haven Home which is self-explanatory.

Within the last three months we have been advised of similar increases in other senior citizens homes, in Vancouver. It appears that the increases can be directly attributed to higher minimum wages (December 1, 1973) and increased food costs. In addition, these homes are experiencing increasing difficulty in recruiting appropriate care staff at the wages that they are able to pay, even at the higher minimum wage.

At present the Department of Human Resources authorizes our Department to pay a monthly rate from \$165.00 to \$196.00 per month for commercial or proprietary Level I homes that are licensed under the Community Care Facilities Licensing Act. These homes have not had any subsidies and are not eligible for any tax remission. Also, they are not obligated to accept social allowance recipients or low income persons.

Daily we are receiving letters from the proprietary homes advising that they are increasing their monthly rate effective December 1, 1973, and have requested that we pay the increased rate or remove our clients. We have written to the Department of Human Resources requesting an early review of this serious problem. We find ourselves caught between two fires. On the one side there are insufficient non-profit homes to accommodate our clients. On the other side we cannot pay the higher rate demanded by the commercial operators.

With regard to Fair Haven, all residents over sixty years of age can apply for Mincome and, if eligible, receive a maximum of \$209.02 per month. After paying the new rate of \$152.00, they will have \$57.02 to cover clothing and personal expenses. In addition, if in receipt of Mincome, they are entitled to a bus pass. After January 1, 1974, all British Columbia residents sixty-five years of age and over will be eligible for free drugs. In my opinion, the Mincome recipient in Fair Haven is not suffering an undue hardship as the result of recent increase in monthly rates.

Recipients of Mincome (maximum \$209.02) placed in commercial homes, that accept the approved maximum monthly rate of \$196.00, receive a monthly Comforts Allowance of \$23.60 (over age 65) and \$18.50 (under age 65). The Department subsidizes these people if they meet social allowance assets criteria. In these cases the Mincome recipient assigns his \$209.02 to the Department, and the Department pays the operator the monthly rate and provides the client with a Comforts Allowance.

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a listing prepared by our Health Care & Aging Branch of the available non-profit and commercial care facilities showing current approved rates, the number of persons under care in each and the type of care provided.

The whole matter of care facilities below Level III (extended care - insured) is currently under active review by the Professional Advisory Committee of the Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District. The Director of Welfare & Rehabilitation is a member of this review committee.

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Clause No. 2 (cont'd)

**During the past six months, two 18 bed private hospitals have closed down. A third (22 beds) will shut down on January 31, 1974. Reasons for closure in each instance are rising costs and inability to keep adequate staff.**

**Within the past few days, the Department has received letters from private hospitals advising that they are increasing their rates effective January 1, 1974. The increases range from 10% to 30%.**

**In my opinion these problems will become more acute and will not be resolved until it is recognized that the costs of all levels of care should be provided by non-profit facilities, under Provincial Government jurisdiction, and covered under the provisions of the Hospital Insurance Plan. This would not include senior citizens housing providing independent living.**

**With reference to Fair Haven, I would see the independent living arrangements continue as is and the "Lodge" come under the insurance plan.**

**We no longer have private hospitals providing acute or extended treatment care. This change came about because of rising costs; need for adequate standards of care and, primarily, because of a recognition on the part of society that a citizen who is sick should receive immediate adequate care regardless of his financial circumstances. The same concern and relevant action should be applied to persons who, because of age, physical and/or mental impairment, require the care of another person in a physical facility which is adequate to provide a good level of care and is adequately staffed.**

**There is no way that the present system can meet this basic obvious requirement. "**

NOTE: Attachments referred to are appended for information.

The Committee discussed the report's contents in detail with the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation and Miss S. McDiarmid, Director of Health Care and Aging, Department of Welfare and Rehabilitation. Both Mr. Boyd and Miss McDiarmid stressed the great need for more intermediate care facilities. It was noted that the Provincial Government has two intermediate care facilities under construction - one adjacent to Pearson Hospital and the other in Burnaby, with an estimated occupancy date of February, 1974. These will provide approximately 300 beds.

It was noted that the Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District is currently reviewing the whole matter of care facilities other than extended care. The Director of Welfare & Rehabilitation is a member of this Review Committee.

RESOLVED

To receive the report of the Director of Welfare and Rehabilitation and the Committee communicate with the Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District, stressing the need for additional intermediate care beds and requesting that provision of this level of care be given high priority.

3. Family Division, Provincial Courts

Council at its meeting of September 18, 1973 approved the following recommendation with respect to the Family and Juvenile Court:

Clause No. 3 (cont'd)

"Instruct the Provincial Court Administrator to delegate an appropriate official at the Family Court to schedule cases for trial on a realistic basis and to experiment with appointments being given for the hearing of cases with a report back in due course to the Standing Committee on Social Services on the success or otherwise of this experiment."

Judge W. Murphy, Senior Judge at the Family Court, City Prosecutor, Provincial Court Administrator and a representative of the Family Court Committee and the Chief Probation Officer were present for this item. Judge Murphy and others present reviewed the present method of scheduling of cases at the Courts. Most of those present felt that the present method of scheduling of cases was entirely satisfactory and there was no need to change it.

The Provincial Court Administrator and Civic officials present agreed that, since the receptionist position has been established, conditions at the Court have improved considerably and should be retained. The main problem previously encountered by persons coming to the Court was that there was no specific person they could go to re location of Court Rooms, Court facilities, procedures, etc.

In answer to a question from the Committee, Judge Murphy stated that in her opinion, there is need for another Judge at the Court. Each of the three Judges at the Court are currently sitting 4½ - 5 hours a day.

The Committee also discussed at this time the following recommendation which was approved by Council on September 18, 1973:

"Prosecution and administration of the Family Court by the City Prosecutor's office be terminated and that instead there be established positions of Child Welfare Counsel and staff to assume the present responsibilities of the Prosecutor at Family and Juvenile Court. These staff should be orientated towards the prevention concept of child care rather than the crime-responsibility punishment concept which presently exists."

The City Prosecutor stated that in his opinion it would be very difficult to find lawyers who are interested in, and would be prepared to handle Family Court matters exclusively. He is, in fact, having difficulties finding competent people to handle criminal work. Judge Murphy suggested that, for the Family Court, it might be better to use some other term rather than "prosecutor". Your Committee suggested the Family Court Committee to give further consideration to this matter and that they invite the City Prosecutor to join them when they are discussing this item.

RESOLVED

To receive the oral report of the officials present at the meeting with respect to scheduling of cases at the Family Courts and that the present scheduling procedures be retained for the present time.

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RECOMMENDATION

4. Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Programme

At its meeting of November 15, 1973, the Committee, when considering the attached request submitted by the Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Project, passed the following recommendation:

"That Council approve a grant of \$7,500 to the Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Project based on the following split of the 1974 Budget of \$45,000:

\$15,000	Federal Government
\$15,000	Provincial Government
\$ 7,500	City of Vancouver
\$ 7,500	Vancouver School Board

Further that, if possible, part or all of the City grant be the use of Health Department summer students, with the selection of personnel to be made by the programme administrators."

Council, at its meeting of November 27, 1973, took the following action:

"THAT this matter be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration and the City officials examine the possibility of cost sharing under Canada Assistance Plan."

Alderman Marzari brought to the attention of the Committee that the Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Programme did not receive its anticipated grant from the Federal Government.

Following further discussion, it was agreed to submit the following amended recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDED

That Council approve a grant of \$7,500 to the Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Project.

Further That if possible, part or all of the City grant be the use of Health Department summer students, with the selection of personnel to be made by the programme administrators. However, failing the contribution of staff from the Health Department, that the City grant the Strathcona-Seymour Summer Enrichment Project \$7,500 in lieu of the use of the Health Department summer students.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

December 6, 1973

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Community Development was held on December 6, 1973, in Committee Room No. 2, Third Floor, City Hall at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman Volrich (Chairman)  
Alderman Harcourt  
Alderman Rankin

ABSENT: Alderman Marzari

COMMITTEE  
CLERK: Joyce McDonald

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 1973, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Champlain Heights - Areas E & F

The Committee had before it, for consideration, a report of the Director of Planning, dated November 28, 1973; a letter dated November 29, 1973, from Mr. C. Brammer, Chairman, Killarney Champlain Citizens for Action Committee, and a letter dated November 29, 1973, from Mr. Barry Downs of Downs-Archambault, Architects, addressed to Mr. R. Youngberg.

It was reported that a Joint Meeting of the Community Development and Housing Committees was held October 17, 1973, in the Killarney High School in order to obtain the views of local residents concerning the various alternative plans for development of Areas E and F in Champlain Heights.

The concern expressed by the residents at that meeting could be categorized as follows:

1. Type and adequacy of facilities.
2. Timing of development .
3. Quality of aspects.
4. The planning process.

There was general agreement on the following basic objectives of the proposed local areas planning programme for Champlain Heights, which are:

1. To develop a plan for Areas E & F.
2. To overcome the perceived planning deficiencies in the existing built-up areas of Champlain Heights.

The Planning Department considered the planning of Areas E & F to have a high priority and this position was endorsed by the Chairman of the Local Area Council.

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Community Development, December 6, 1973 . . . . . 2

1. Champlain Heights - Areas E & F (cont'd.)

It was proposed that a sketch plan be prepared for endorsement by Council which would be submitted to the Engineer for design of services and preparation of a registerable plan (with precise dimensions). The time required to prepare the sketch plan was estimated to be from six to nine months. Upon receipt of this plan, the Engineering Department will require approximately 9 to 12 months to design the services and prepare the legal subdivision to a point where marketing of a plan can commence. The entire planning process, from the present until marketing can commence, is expected to take from 15 to 24 months.

After discussion of the report of the Director of Planning dated November 28, 1973, it was

RECOMMENDED:

THAT an Advisory group of 10 members be appointed to deal with the development of Areas E & F, Champlain Heights, 6 of which be selected from citizens in and near the area and 4 to be appointed by Council on recommendation of this Committee.

Mr. Egil Lyngen, representing the Killarney Champlain Citizens for Action Committee, and Mr. H. Hicken, Community Worker, were present and discussed procedural proposals with the Committee as set out in Mr. Brammer's letter of November 29, 1973.

The Committee reviewed a letter dated November 29, 1973, (copy of which is attached) from Mr. Barry Downs of Downs-Archambault, Architects, in which the following programme for action was submitted:

1. General review of original information and documentation.
2. Review community goals and restate objectives.
3. Development of planning policy.
4. Liaison with Champlain Heights Advisory Committee.
5. Documentation of implementation policies and plans.

Budget requirements were outlined with the total estimated cost to be \$30,290.00, said amount to cover the specific work programme outlined in the letter from Mr. Downs. It was

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Director of Planning be authorized to utilize the services of Downs-Archambault at a total sum of \$30,290.00, in exchange for a usable development plan for Areas E & F, Champlain Heights, said plan to be completed by July 31, 1974, and that this Committee will not consider the expenditure of any additional funds which may be incurred beyond the period of the studies and submissions of the final documentation.

FURTHER THAT the consultants be required to report to the Planning Department on a regular basis, and that the Director of Planning, at his discretion, report to this Committee from time to time on the progress of this plan.

Mr. Youngberg briefly reviewed the report of the Director of Planning dated November 28, 1973, and the Committee considered the following recommendations contained therein:

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1. Champlain Heights - Areas E & F (cont'd.)

- (a) The Planning Department, in co-operation with local area residents, establish a local area planning programme (as outlined in this report) with the objectives of:
  - (i) Preparing a sketch plan for Areas E & F, and
  - (ii) Overcoming the perceived planning deficiencies in the existing built-up areas of Champlain Heights.
- (b) First priority in the planning programme be given to the development of a plan for Areas E & F, with the goal of commencing the marketing of land in 15 to 24 months.
- (c) It be recognized that Downs-Archambault and Urban Programme Planners are the most suitable consultants for the planning of Areas E & F, but that, before the Committee approve these consultants, the opinions of the local area residents (through the proposed Advisory Committee) be considered.

The recommendations were considered seriatim, and it was

RECOMMENDED:

THAT recommendations (a)(i), (ii) and (b) be adopted, it being noted that recommendation (c) was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

2. New Liquor Outlets

Alderman Volrich reported orally on the matter of a review of the Liquor Policy which is now administered co-operatively between the Province and the City. He reported that in a recent meeting with the Liquor Board, there was a general discussion on matters relating to the proposed new Liquor Regulations and to the guidelines to determine where neighbourhood pubs would be located.

He stated that the Liquor Board is concerned with determining, in the first instance, the wishes of the people in an area regarding any application for a new Liquor License. In this regard, he reported that the Board had, therefore, suggested that applications for new Liquor Outlets should be firstly considered by the Committee before being dealt with by the Liquor Board. The Board suggested that further discussions between Alderman Volrich and the Secretary, Mr. Woodland, would be advisable and such further discussions should take place in the very near future.

He stated that the Liquor Board is still in the process of considering regulations to go with the new "Pub" License Laws. The Board is also considering the merits of a City wide referendum to determine what local areas would be amenable to the new licenses.

Alderman Volrich suggested the following procedure in dealing with various types of licenses from a City point of view so that the Committee would not be deluged with numerous applications unnecessarily and so that administration processes could follow an orderly procedure:

- i. A restaurant or restaurants with a small cocktail lounge attached should not be referred to the Committee and the development permit should be processed and issued in the normal way.
- ii. An extension of a previously approved Liquor Outlet need not be referred to our Committee.

Clause 2 Continued

- iii. Where an additional license is applied for in regard to existing licensed premises which are being expanded, the matter should be referred to the Chairman for consideration as to whether the application should be referred to the Committee.
- iv. Applications for separate cocktail lounges, cabarets, beer parlours, etc. which involve new liquor outlets, should be referred to the Committee.
- v. All applications for Neighbourhood Pubs would come before the Committee for later report to Council

It was,

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the oral report of the Chairman on New Liquor Outlets be approved.

3. Fraserview Homeowners & Tenants Association

The Committee had for consideration, the following letter from the Fraserview Homeowners and Tenants Association, dated November 13th, 1973: Filed with this letter was a brief, dated June 28th, 1973.

"Recently members of the Association, along with residents of Fraserview and Alderman Harry Rankin, made a tour of the area east of Victoria Drive and south of Marine Drive.

At a subsequent regular meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, November 6th, 1973, it was agreed by the membership that the Community Development Committee be asked for their assistance in implementing the following resolutions -

- 1. The waterfront lot east of Rivertow property be turned into a public Park.
- 2. The treed area east of Victoria Drive and south of Marine Drive be set aside and developed into a natural park, linked with the waterfront property mentioned in point one above.
- 3. That Rivertow be asked to live up to the terms of the agreement as outlined in the minutes of the meeting on August 16, 1973, and that the buildings be removed from the Victoria Drive street end, since this contravenes the agreement and also the terms of their lease.
- 4. That a study be made of the feasibility of looping the Victoria Drive bus along Marine Dr. to Fraser Street, and the Fraser bus along Marine Dr. to Victoria Dr. This would eliminate the poorly planned loop at Harrison Drive, and would improve the service by depositing passengers on the south side of the busy intersection at Victoria and Marine Drive.
- 5. That a traffic light be installed at the corner of Victoria and Marine Drives to eliminate the crossing hazard to residents in the area, including the Senior Citizens and school children, also a growing number of ship-yard workers.

Clause 3 Continued

6. That the Engineering Department be informed that heavy trucks are still using Victoria Drive, and that steps be taken to eliminate this source of noise as promised by the Engineering Department.
7. The garbage and refuse be removed from the lot at Marine and Victoria south east corner, (2) the waterfront lot east of Gladstone (3) industrial waste and garbage along north Kent between Victoria Drive and Nanaimo.
8. That barricades be erected on north Kent where the sewer was installed, to eliminate the hazard to residents caused by this area being used as an obstacle course for motorcycles and dune buggies.
9. That B.C. Hydro be asked to clean up the right of way in this area, as requested in our Brief.

We are enclosing a brief that the Association submitted to the Environment Committee on June 28th, 1973, requesting assistance in developing a natural park in the area.

As mentioned to you in a previous letter, we appreciate the effort of your committee in assisting to resolve the problems in the community and look forward to continual co-operation."

The Committee considered the resolutions of the Association seriatim, and took action as noted hereunder:

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT this resolution be referred to the Standing Committee on Waterfront and Environment.
- ii. THAT the Chairman be requested to write to the Public Utilities Commission re the release of the 12 acres in this site which has been set aside for cemetery purposes.
- iii. THAT the Chairman write to Rivtow advising them that they have not taken sufficient action to comply with Council's instructions of September 11, 1973. (A copy of Council's action of September 11, 1973, is appended hereto.)
- iv., v., and vi.,  
THAT these clauses be referred to the City Engineer, Traffic Division, for report.
- vii. THAT this resolution be referred to the Supervisor of Property and Insurance to investigate and take whatever steps are necessary to clean up the area.
- viii. THAT this resolution be referred to the City Engineer for investigation.
- ix. THAT no action be taken on this clause as we are awaiting a reply from B. C. Hydro.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the letter from Fraserview Homeowners and Tenants Association, dated November 13th, 1973, be received subject to the foregoing.

4. Strathcona Sites C & D

The Committee had before it a letter from Mr. Ralph H. Long, Past District Governor of the Lions International, dated November 26th, 1973, wherein it was requested that the Lions Club be permitted to construct and maintain a Senior Citizens Housing Complex and a Personal Care Home on Sites C & D Strathcona.

Also for consideration was a communication, dated November 27th, 1973, from Mrs. May Gutteridge, Parish Worker, St. James Social Service, Gastown Workshop, wherein it was requested that Sites C & D be set aside for the building of a Recreational Centre.

The Committee noted that authority for disposition of this property has been given to the Sites C & D Housing Society and as such the Committee should not become involved in this matter.

It was,

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the letter from the Lions International dated November 26th, 1973, be referred to the Sites C & D Housing Society and the Planning Department for further consideration and if it were not possible to involve the said organization in the sponsorship of the development they have proposed on a part of Site C & D, that the Director of Planning give further assistance to the Organization in finding an alternative site for their development of a Senior Citizens Housing Complex and Personal Care Home.
- ii. THAT the letter from Mrs. May Gutteridge, St. James' Social Service, Gastown Workshop, dated November 27th, 1973, be received.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
ON SOCIAL SERVICES

December 6, 1973

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Social Services was held on Thursday, December 6, 1973 at approximately 8:10 p.m. in the Waverley Elementary School Auditorium, 6111 Elliott Street.

PRESENT: Alderman Rankin (Chairman)  
Aldermen Marzari and Linnell

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Phillips  
Alderman Pendakur  
Mrs. Daisy Webster, M.L.A., Vancouver South  
Mr. J. Denofreo, Executive Assistant to the Minister of Human Resources  
Commissioner M. Brown, Park Board

COMMITTEE CLERK: M. Kinsella

INFORMATION

1. Youth Problems, Killarney-Orchard Park Area

This public meeting was called to provide the Committee with an opportunity of discussing with residents in the area their concerns with respect to the youth and other problems in the Fraserview, Killarney and Orchard Park area. Inspector T. Herdman, Vancouver Police Department read to the meeting for information a report on various offences in a number of report zones in the City:

	<u>Report Zone</u>	<u>Offence Total</u>
" <u>PROPERTY DAMAGE</u> = City Total 2,774	320	145*
Jan 1 - Oct 31/73	318	116
	429	105
	324	89*
	325	83
	323	82*
	209	39
 <u>ROBBERIES</u> = City Total 1,227	210	269
Jan 1 - Oct 31/73	209	102
	429	33
	325	24
	324	23*
	323	22*
	318	18
	320	17*
 <u>B&amp;E and ATTEMPTS</u> - City Total 8,115	318	442
Dec 17/72 - Nov 17/73	324	394*
	429	371
	320	301*
	325	298
	323	241*
	209	121



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Jan 1 - Oct 31/73

427	19
320	16*
325	12
318	10
429	9
324	4*
323	3*
209	nil

209	Water Fronts Cambie	to to	False Creek Carrall	N/S W/E
210	Water Fronts Carrall	to to	False Creek & Broadway Gore	N/S W/E
318	Broadway Slocan	to to	Kingsway Boundary	N/S W/E
320	E 33rd & Kingsway Victoria Dr.	to to	East 49th Boundary	N/S W/E
323	East 33rd Main St.	to to	East 49th Victoria Dr.	N/S W/E
324	East 49th Main St.	to to	Fraser River Victoria Dr.	N/S W/E
325	East 49th Granville	to to	Fraser River Main St.	N/S W/E
427	Broadway Granville	to to	33rd Main St.	N/S W/E
429	English Bay- False Creek MacDonald	to to	Broadway Granville	N/S W/E

He also reported that there has been very little variation during the last two years in the crime pattern in the 34 Police reporting zones in the City. He quoted statistics which would indicate that there has been only a few crimes in the area with racial overtones. Of 34 incidences of property damage, assaults and common assaults, six would appear to have racial overtones. He also noted that a lot of the culprits in these cases were between the ages of 17 - 24.

Following are some points made by citizens at the meeting:

- when a youth is found guilty of property damage, every effort should be made to ensure that he make restitution for this damage;
- there is need for outreach workers in the community;
- there is need for more parent involvement with their children;
- the Community Centre should be opened on the weekends and particularly on Saturday nights;
- consideration should be given to expanding the programmes at the centre and to keep the centre open later than 10:00 p.m.;
- there is need for review of the current laws dealing with juveniles;

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Clause No. 1 (cont'd)

- a number of parents will not allow their children to go to the Community Centre alone because of harrassment by groups of youth who congregate around and in the Centre. This brought up the need for more supervision of activities at the Centre;
- a number of those present expressed dissatisfaction with the present permissive attitude of Society towards youth;
- a number of youth in the area are unwilling to participate in organized recreation programmes and this brings up the need for outreach workers to motivate these youth toward participation in these programmes;
- it is difficult for a number of youth in the area to get work, because they are school drop-outs and do not have the educational requirements for vocational training or the majority of jobs that are available, therefore consideration should be given to some form of job training and job finding programme for these youth.

In response to a question, Staff Inspector Herdman advised that there are currently 16 Policemen on the Youth Team, however the objective of the Police Department is to develop all staff as community police who would be able to work with youth. There is a Police Community Officer in the Killarney School and it is intended to place an officer in another school.

Mrs. D. Webster, M.L.A., Vancouver South, undertook to discuss the need for additional recreation facilities and staff with the Minister of Recreation. She also stated that this problem should be approached on a community level, that is the citizens, City Council, Park Board, School Board and the Provincial Government all work together to solve the problems.

Mayor Phillips assured the meeting that City Council would respond favourably to any request from the Park Board for additional staff for the Killarney Community Centre. He also stated that the Provincial Government is currently reviewing the laws with respect to juveniles.

The Chairman, in summation, thanked the citizens for their participation and indicated that the Committee will shortly be meeting with representatives of the School Board, Park Board and Provincial Government to come up with concrete proposals with the hope of solving the Community's problems.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

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PART REPORT TO COUNCIL

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC COMMISSION

December 13, 1973

A meeting of the Official Traffic Commission was held in No. 1, Committee Room, Third Floor, City Hall, on Thursday, December 13th, 1973 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Alderman Marzari (Chairman)  
Alderman Rankin  
Commissioner Ryan  
R. C. Boyes, Traffic and Transportation,  
City Engineering Department  
Superintendent D. W. McRae, Vancouver  
City Police Department  
R. McLachlan, Vancouver School Board  
Wayne Reese, Vancouver Safety Council  
E. R. Thompson, Transportation Safety,  
B. C. Hydro & Power Authority  
Trustee P. Westlake, Vancouver School Board

ABSENT: Bruce Donald, City Prosecutor's Office  
Mrs. E. Robinson, Vancouver Parent - Teacher  
Council

CLERK: M. Kinsella

RECOMMENDATION:

1. School Crosswalk - 58th Avenue and  
Argyle Street

On November 29th, 1973, Mr. Dave Gordon submitted the following communication with respect to the above school crosswalk:

" On March 30th, 1973, the writer took the time to contact your Engineering Department, where a verbal request was made for the installation of either a traffic light or a school crossing control at the above subject location. The reason for this is that there are up to 75 children crossing at this location daily. Then, traffic conditions were bad at this location and these small children were taking their lives in their hands in using this spot to cross. Today, the situation is even worse.

At that time I was talking to Mr. Bob Ross, who clearly advised me that Alderman Marzari was personally looking into that particular problem and that the situation would be rectified very shortly - within the next 60 days. Those were his exact words to me. At that time I made notes on everything he said to me. It was even mentioned that the Alderman was well informed on the problems being witnessed by these children.

On May 2nd, 1973, still nothing was done, so I took the trouble to contact Inspector George Pinchin of the City Police to see if a surveillance team could be put on that location. He was well aware of the driving situation at this spot. I was informed by 4 neighbours that the police were having a field day in ticketing speeding cars. This problem has increased daily because of the Knight Rd. closure.

Some 7 months have passed since I talked with the police, and still NO SIGN of a crosswalk or light ! ! ! Apparently some poor innocent child has to be hit by a speeding car before someone gets off their butt and does their job.

Winter weather is upon us and this combined with the road curvature on Argyle has turned the street into a literal nightmare for any pedestrian attempting to cross. In many instances it has been witnessed where cars will go around you rather than let you cross the road. Don't make this like the 22nd and Nanaimo situation, where a child has to be killed before a control is put in.

Clause 1 Continued

I am enclosing a petition drawn up where we request the City of Vancouver to either erect a flashing light, a controlled light or have a school patrol with a controlled light control this crossing. You will notice that 20 concerned families have unhesitatingly endorsed this petition.

Last school term, we contacted the Principal at Sir James Douglas School, 7550 Victoria Drive and requested that a school patrol be put in and all he said was that it was out of his jurisdiction as it was 4 blocks from the School. He further indicated that there was nothing he could do.

Now it appears the only avenue left is to approach the people we elected to office, because on your platform you claimed to have our interests at heart. So, here is a wonderful opportunity to spend a few of our tax dollars for a little insurance on the safety of a few of your future voters.

You must admit that sufficient time has passed, where this small job could have been completed, but it seems the staff in the Engineering and Electrical Departments either are not concerned with traffic problems of this size, or the Engineering Dept. staff member I was talking to was lying. This does not create a good level of public relations.

Another point that should be brought up is that this particular crossing is used consistently every evening by boys going up the the Fraser Boys Club on Victoria, small girls going to 2 Brownie groups in the area and also older girls to Guides. As these are evening activities, this even compounds the problems these children are facing in "trying to cross the road".

I sincerely hope that you will take immediate action on this matter and bring relief to many parents who stand waiting for their children so they can "try" to get them across this Vancouver version of Indianapolis 500 speedway. "

Mr. Gordon appeared before the Commission to request the installation of a pedestrian activated traffic light at this intersection. He reiterated the points made in his letter with respect to the dangers of this crossing, particularly to young children. He pointed out that since the schools were encouraging the use of the school buildings for community activities after regular school hours, young children used this crosswalk during the late afternoon and evening hours when visibility is particularly poor. Another factor is that the street lighting at this intersection is not very good.

The City Engineer stated that from an Engineering standpoint and based on the present criteria, the present control (marked and signed school crosswalk) is considered appropriate. He was, however, recommending that the present signing be supplemented by an overhead sign.

The Commission speculated on the possible effect on traffic in this area when the new Knight Street Bridge is operational. The opinion was expressed that this might result in a reduction of traffic volume on this portion of Argyle Street.

RECOMMENDED:

- a. THAT an interior illuminated overhead school crosswalk sign be installed at 58th Avenue and Argyle Street and that the sum of \$2,250.00, the estimated cost of the sign, be allocated from Traffic Control Reserve.

Clause 1 Continued

- b. THAT this matter be referred back to the Official Traffic Commission, one month after the opening of the Knight Street Bridge and that at this time the Commission have before it a further report from the City Engineer on traffic volumes and any other changes in the traffic pattern resulting from the opening of the Knight Street Bridge.
- c. THAT the report from the City Engineer, dated December 10th, 1973, and the report from the Chief Constable, dated, December 11th, 1973, be received.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL  
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December 13, 1973

A joint meeting of the Standing Committees of Council on Community Development and Civic Development was held on December 13th, 1973, at 3:30 p.m. in Committee Room No. 2, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Alderman Volrich (Chairman)  
Alderman Rankin  
Alderman Pendakur  
Alderman Harcourt

ABSENT: Alderman Bowers (Police Commission)  
Alderman Hardwick (Victoria - Civic Business)  
Alderman Marzari  
Alderman Massey

COMMITTEE CLERK: J. C. McDonald

Adoption of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Community Development, dated November 29th, 1973, were adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

The Committees had for consideration a joint report of the Department of Planning and Civic Development and the Social Planning Department (copy of which is attached), dated November 16th, 1973.

Mr. T. Geach, Assistant Director, Community Planning Division, briefly discussed the report and referred to the recommendations contained therein, which are as follows:

"It is recommended:

- (a) that the City of Vancouver inform the Province and C.M.H.C. that it wishes to initiate the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme under preliminary guidelines contained within this report.
- (b) that the City request the Province and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to immediately allocate \$25,000 and \$50,000 respectively towards the initial costs of neighbourhood selection and \$100,000 and \$200,000 respectively for plan preparation on receipt by the Province and C.M.H.C. of the City's Neighbourhood Improvement Programme areas. It is understood that this may be only a portion of the N.I.P. funds to be allocated to Vancouver for these purposes.
- (c) that the City allocate \$125,000 as our contribution to complete the process of Neighbourhood selection and begin plan preparation for Neighbourhood Improvement Programmes from the City's Urban Renewal Capital Funds. If the senior levels of Government are, at this time, unable to allocate funds referred to in recommendation (2) above, the City begin the initial stages of the programme on its own by allocating \$125,000 from the Urban Renewal Capital Funds, and request the Province and C.M.H.C. as early as possible to contribute 25% (\$125,000) and 50% (\$250,000) respectively towards these costs.

Clause 1 Continued

- (d) that the Province and C.M.H.C. be requested to accept upto 10% of total Neighbourhood Improvement Programme costs for Community Social Programmes, as a shareable cost.
- (e) that the City authorize the Director of Planning & Civic Development, and the Director of Social Planning to meet with appropriate Provincial and Federal officials to explain the City's policy relating to the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme and ascertain the senior levels of government present position and intentions."

Mr. J. D. Janczewski, Planner, Community Planning Division, with the aid of sketch plans, advised of the areas in the City which should be considered as being deficient in various facilities and improved environments, and it was noted that the areas most deficient were in the Core area.

The Director of Social Planning briefly discussed the report with the Committee, and it was,

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) THAT recommendations (a), (b), (c) and (d) be approved, and recommendation (e) be approved after amending it to read as follows:  
  
THAT the City authorize the Chairman of the Community Development Committee, together with the Director of Planning and the Director of Social Planning to meet with appropriate Provincial and Federal Officials to explain the City's policy relating to the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme and ascertain the senior levels of Government present position and intentions.
- (ii) THAT we attempt to have the Gastown and Skid Road Areas declared special designated areas under the Terms of Reference of the National Housing Act.

2. Kitsilano Local Area Planning Report

The Committee gave preliminary consideration to the attached draft report, dated December 3rd, 1973, on the Kitsilano Local Area. Planning Programme. It was noted that affected organizations and groups in the Kitsilano Area had received copies of the draft report. It was,

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the draft report of the City Planning Department, dated December 3rd, 1973, be received for information and that a public meeting be arranged by the Chairman of the Community Development Committee, at which meeting interested individuals and groups in the area be invited to submit their views on this matter to the Community Development Committee.

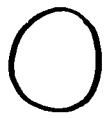
The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL ON SOCIAL SERVICES

A meeting of the Standing Committee of Council on Social Services was held on Thursday, December 13, 1973 at approximately 1:35 p.m. in the No. 1 Committee Room, Third floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Alderman Rankin (Chairman)  
Aldermen Linnell and Marzari

ABSENT: Alderman Hardwick

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. J. Denofreo, Executive Assistant  
to the Minister of Human Resources

COMMITTEE CLERK: M. Kinsella

### RECOMMENDATION

#### 1. Grant Request - Helping Hand Council

Vancouver City Council on May 15, 1973 approved a grant of \$201.00 per month for a period of 10 months to the Helping Hand Council, effective March 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973. Captain Ted Liberty, President and Treasurer, Helping Hand Council, appeared before your Committee today to request renewal of the City's grant to his Organization for 1974. He was also requesting that the grant be increased from the present \$201.00 per month to \$249.00 per month because of increased expenses. This request was broken down as follows:

Rent	\$70.00
Lights	\$18.00
Phone	\$86.00
Office Supplies	<u>\$75.00</u>
	\$249.00

The Directors of Social Planning and Welfare & Rehabilitation submitted to the Committee the following report on this grant request:

"The Helping Hand Council is primarily a service group for the elderly. They have been in operation now for about 8 months on the grant from Council. The services they provide consist of shopping, light housekeeping and visiting. They currently have a staff of 14 Vancouver Opportunities Programme workers under the full-time volunteer office manager (and president of the Council) Captain Ted Liberty.

The services the Council concentrates on are valuable ones. However, their present activity and effectiveness is doubtful. During the month of October, according to the records they made available, they visited no more than 10 individuals.

According to Captain Liberty, it has taken a while for their service to become known. They seem to have made a fairly good effort at disseminating information about themselves by distributing a handbill. However, it would appear that the many groups existing to assist senior citizens, the intent of the Province to integrate social services in Vancouver, including services to seniors, combined with the accomplishment of the group, would preclude extending their grant.

The Directors of Social Planning and Welfare and Rehabilitation therefore recommend:

That the Helping Hand Council not receive a civic grant."

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Clause No. 1 (cont'd)

This Organization offers the following services to senior citizens:

- Pet-to-Vet service
- to do shopping
- to cook a meal for shut-ins at their home
- to write letters, letter and parcel mailing and pickup
- to try to do things for shut-ins that they have trouble doing for themselves
- to sit with shut-ins
- to provide a visiting program to shut in senior citizens in the Vancouver area to try to make the lonely less lonely.

In addition, the Council assists Welfare recipients with problems which they might have in understanding welfare procedures. They also provide a job training programme for V.O.P. workers. Captain Liberty stated that, because a number of organizations offering like services have been discontinued, the call on the services offered by his Organization has increased greatly. The Helping Hand Council is distributing pamphlets to public housing projects and senior citizen homes in an effort to make their services more widely known. Captain Liberty himself lives in a senior citizen housing project and can vouch for the need of the type of service offered by the Helping Hand Council.

Alderman Linnell expressed concern about the proliferation of like organizations within the City and the lack of integration or liaison between these organizations. She suggested that the Committee has a responsibility to consolidate all these services to avoid duplication of services and to ensure the most efficient use of grant monies. It was suggested that, as it will be at least six months before integration of social services in the Downtown Eastside is a reality, consideration might be given to recommending that Council extend the Helping Hand Council's grant for a further six month period.

RECOMMENDED

- A. That Council approve a grant of \$201.00 per month to the Helping Hand Council for a period of six months, commencing January 1, 1974, contingent upon the Organization submitting to the Director of Social Planning each month a report as to the number of people helped, the type of help given and the general disposition of the programme;
- B. That the Standing Committee on Social Services invite all senior citizen groups in receipt of grants from Vancouver City Council, L.I.P., L.E.A.P., or other funding sources, as well as all voluntary agencies working with seniors to meet with the Committee in the near future to discuss consolidation of services to seniors in the City of Vancouver.

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